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Serial Killers

A STUDY OF THE CHILLING CRIMINAL PHENOMENON, FROM THE "ANGELS OF DEATH" TO THE "ZODIAC" KILLER

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For Janice Gail Knowlton,
survivor and friend.
(1937–2004)

I did it all for me. Purely selfish. I worshiped the art and the act of death, over and over. It's as simple as that. Afterwards it was all sexual confusion, symbolism, honoring the "fallen." I was honoring myself. I hated the decay and the dissection. There was no sadistic pleasure in the killing. I killed them as I would like to be killed myself, enjoying the extremity of the death act itself. If I did it to myself I could only experience it once. If I did it to others, I could experience the death act over and over again.

—Dennis Nilsen

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Preface to the Second Edition

I appreciate the opportunity to update and expand *The* been added to the work's appendixes on solo killers, *Encyclopedia of Serial Killers.* Much has happened in team killers, and unsolved crimes, while certain errors the field since I completed the original work in early in the supplementary material have also been corrected; 1999, as evidenced by the increased volume of cases (3) The bibliography has been extensively updated, list-reported. The first edition included data on 1,621 spe-ing 686 English-language sources (compared to 276 in cific serial murder cases; this edition contains 2,309 (a the first edition). In short, the revised *Encyclopedia of* net increase of 42 percent in the span of five years). Not *Serial Killers* represents the most

complete source on all of those cases and killers are “new,” however, since the subject presently available.

expanded study of serial crime has shed light on many Thanks are due to various individuals who provided older cases that were unrecognized or poorly reported supplementary material for this volume and/or sug-when the first edition went to press. Accordingly, while gested corrections from the first edition. First and fore-the previous edition dated records of the first known most, I owe thanks to David Frasier at Indiana serial killer from the first century A.D., we now know University—friend and fellow author, researcher par that compulsive predators were active in ancient Rome excellence—for his continuing assistance and support.

as early as 331 B.C. In time, older cases will no doubt The work in hand would literally not exist without his emerge.

generous help. Others unsung when the first edition With so much new material from which to choose, a went to press include Barry Baldwin, Kimba D’Michi, volume many times the size of the original might easily Michael Kingman, Alan and Lenore Locken, Heather have been prepared. Instead, as in the first edition, Facts Newton, Rod Poteet, and Stan Reid.

On File has placed a premium on user-friendly format As in the first edition, every effort has been made and economy. The new edition differs from its predeces-to ensure the timeliness and accuracy of this work.

sor in three ways: (1) New entries and updated infor-Readers possessing additional data on any aspect of mation have been added throughout the main text, serial murder are invited to contact the author via the while revisions and corrections have been undertaken publisher, or at his Web site (http://www.michaelnewton.

based on new research and sources; (2) 689 cases have homestead.com).

In recent years it has become routine—indeed, almost cases. They include: David Frasier, reference librarian at obligatory—for authors of studies on serial murder to the University of Indiana in Bloomington; A. M. Barmer, describe the phenomenon as “elusive,” “mysterious,”

at the Jacksonville (Fla.) Public Library; Becky Clark, at even “baffling.” It is not entirely clear why that should the Lincoln (Nebr.) Public Library; M. Collin, at the be the case—except, perhaps, that “normal” minds Santa Barbara (Ca.) Public Library; Virgil Dean, with rebel at

understanding those who kill repeatedly outside the Kansas Historical Society; Nijole Etzwiler, at the the law, either for profit or the simple, atavistic pleasure Baraboo (Wisc.) Public Library; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, at of the act.

the Providence (R.I.) Public Library; Marcia Friddle, at It is the purpose of this volume to demystify, as far as the Chicago Public Library; Sally Fry, with the Orange possible, those predators in human form who have been County (Fla.) Library System; Merle Groce, with the with us since the dawn of history, their numbers multi-Morgan City (La.) Archives; Sandra Hancock, at the plying exponentially within the past four decades.

West Florida Regional Library in Pensacola; C. Jones, Understanding of the problem and development of reference librarian at the Public Library of Nashville workable solutions is important both in the United (Tenn.); Donald Langlois, reference librarian for the Ari-States (which, with less than 5 percent of the world's zona Department of Library, Archives and Public population, has produced some 84 percent of all known Records; Catherine Larsen, at the Kalamazoo (Mo.) serial killers since 1980) and in nations ranging from Public Library; David Meeks, at the Palatka (Fla.) Public Australia to South Africa and Russia, where a new Library; Antonio Mendoza, of the Internet Crime wave of serial murder bids fair to reach crisis propor-Archives; the Oakland Public Library, Oakland History tions in the next millennium.

Room; Mary Lou Rothman, at the Indian River County The entries in this work are alphabetically arranged, (Fla.) Main Library; Mark Schreiber; Steve Stangle, including both case histories of individual serial killers with the St. Johns County (Fla.) Public Library System; and essays on general topics (e.g., motives for serial Warren Taylor, at the Topeka and Shawnee County murder, etc.) Cross-referenced items may be listed at the (Kans.) Public Library; Elizabeth Thacker, at the San end of a specific entry or signified by use of SMALL CAPI-Francisco Public Library; Vivian Turner, at the Sacra-TAL LETTERS in the body of the text. The large number mento (Ca.) Public Library; Katherine Turton, with the of serial killers on record—more than 1,500 at this writ-Chattahoochee Valley (Ga.) Regional Library System; ing—renders comprehensive coverage of each and every Sharon Van Dorn, at the Dallas Public Library; Carolyn case unfeasible in any single volume. Thus, case histories Waters, at the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Public Library.

presented in the main text were selected as examples of Every effort has been made to ensure the timeliness specific serial killer types, motivations, nationalities, and and accuracy of the work in hand. Inevitably, by the so forth. The remainder of cases known at this writing time it goes to press there will be more new cases in the are presented in a detailed appendix, further subdivided media and fresh developments in some of those

into sections for solo killers, those who murder with reported here. Readers possessing additional informa-accomplices, and cases presently unsolved.

tion on any aspect of the serial murder phenomenon Many people have assisted in the preparation of this are encouraged to write the author, in care of Facts On work, particularly with the details of lesser-known File.

Entries A–Z

A

ALLEN, Howard Arthur

Police were not finished with their suspect, however.

An African-American serial killer with a taste for As it happened, Laverne Hale had been a neighbor of elderly victims, Howard Allen never strayed far from Allen’s, living directly behind his house, and he became hometown Indianapolis in his search for prey. In a suspect in her murder, based on her killer’s modus August 1974, at age 24, he invaded the home of 85-operandi. In early August, detectives announced that year-old Opal Cooper, beating her to death in the Allen was a prime suspect in eleven other cases, each course of a petty robbery. Convicted on a reduced involving robbery or assault of elderly victims in their charge of manslaughter, Allen received a term of two to homes around Indianapolis.

21 years in state prison. Paroled in January 1985, he In the spring of 1988, Allen was convicted of bur-returned to Indianapolis and found work in a car wash, glary and felony battery in the May 18 assault, plus an biding his time before he resumed the hunt.

additional count of habitual criminal behavior. He was On May 18, 1987, a 73-year-old Indianapolis

sentenced to 88 years on those charges, but the worst woman narrowly escaped death when a prowler choked was yet to come. On June 11, 1988, he was convicted and beat her in her home. Two days later, Laverne Hale, of murder and robbery in the slaying of Ernestine Grif-87, was attacked in a

similar fashion, dying of her fin, with the jury recommending CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

injuries on May 29.

At this writing, Allen awaits execution on Indiana's The raids continued on June 2, when a burglar ran-death row.

sacked the home of an elderly man five blocks from the Hale murder scene. This time, the tenant was absent. The prowler vented his anger by setting the house on fire.

"ANGEL Makers of Nagyrev"

On July 14, Ernestine Griffin, age 73, was murdered Little is known of Julia Fazekas before 1911, when she in her Indianapolis home, stabbed eight times with a suddenly appeared in the Hungarian village of Nagyrev, 10-inch butcher knife, a kitchen toaster smashed 60 miles southeast of Budapest on the River Tisza. She repeatedly against her skull. Grieving relatives esti-was pushing middle age, a widow by her own account, mated that the killer had escaped with $15 and a cam-but no one seemed to know exactly what had happened era belonging to his victim.

to her husband. Between 1911 and 1921, midwife The case broke on August 4, 1987, with Howard

Fazekas was jailed 10 times for performing illegal abor-Allen's arrest on multiple charges. Witnesses linked tions, but sympathetic judges acquitted her in each case.

him to the May 18 attack, leading to Allen's indictment Meanwhile, apparently unnoticed by police, she had on charges of burglary, battery, and unlawful confine-inaugurated one of Europe's most bizarre and deadly ment. He was also charged with arson and burglary murder sprees.

(from the June 2 incident), as well as the murder of The rash of homicides is traceable to World War I, Ernestine Griffin.

when able-bodied men from Nagyrev were drafted to **1**

"ANGELS of Death"

fight for the Austro-Hungarian Empire. At the same life imprisonment, and the rest to lesser prison terms.

time, rural Nagyrev was deemed an ideal site for camps The condemned included Susannah Olah, a self-styled containing Allied prisoners of war—a circumstance that witch who boasted of training venomous snakes to catered to the wildest fantasies of women suddenly attack her victims in bed, competing with Fazekas in deprived of men. The prisoners most likely

enjoyed a sales of “Aunt Susi’s inheritance powders”; Olah’s sister limited freedom within the village, and it soon became a Lydia, a septuagenarian whose flat denials of guilt failed point of pride for lonely wives in Nagyrev to boast a to impress the jury; Maria Kardos, who murdered her foreign lover, sometimes three or four. An atmosphere husband, a lover, and her sickly 23-year-old son, per-of rampant promiscuity prevailed, and husbands strag-suading the young man to sing her a song on his gling home from combat found their women strangely deathbed; Rosalie Sebestyen and Rose Hoyba, con-

“liberated,” frequently dissatisfied with one man in the demned for the murder of “boring” husbands; Lydia marriage bed.

Csery, convicted of killing her parents; Maria Varga, who As wives began to voice complaints of boredom and confessed to buying poison from Fazekas to kill her hus-abuse, midwife Fazekas offered them relief: supplies of band—a blind war hero—when he complained about her arsenic obtained by boiling flypaper and skimming off bringing lovers home; Juliane Lipke, whose seven victims the lethal residue. Peter Hegedus was the first known included her stepmother, an aunt, a brother, a sister-in-victim, in 1914, and other husbands followed over time law, and the husband she poisoned on Christmas Eve; before the poisoning became a fad, the casualty list and Maria Szendi, a true liberationist who told the court expanding to include parents, children, aunts, uncles, she killed her husband because “he always had his way.

and neighbors.

It’s terrible the way men have all the power.”

By the mid-1920s, Nagyrev had earned its nickname as “the murder district.” During that period an estimated 50 women used arsenic to trim their family trees.

“ANGELS of Death”

Julia Fazekas was the closest thing the village had to a Built in 1839, Lainz General Hospital is the fourth physician, and her cousin was the clerk who filed all largest medical facility in Vienna, Austria, with some death certificates, thereby subverting homicide investi-2,000 persons on staff. Pavilion 5 at Lainz is typically gations in the embryonic stage. The final toll of victims reserved for problem cases—patients in their seventies is still unknown, but most reports suggest 300 as a rea-and older, many of them

terminally ill. In such a setting, sonable estimate for 15 years of wholesale murder.

death is no surprise. If anything, it sometimes comes as The “angel makers” saw their world unravel in July a relief . . . but there are limits, even so. Beginning in the of 1929, when a choir master from neighboring Tisza-spring of 1983 and lasting through the early weeks of kurt accused Mrs. Ladislaus Szabo of serving him poi-1989, Death got a helping hand at Lainz. Officially, the soned wine. A stomach pump saved his life, and body count stands at 42, but educated guesses put the detectives were still pondering the charge when a sec-final tally closer to 300 victims for the hospital’s hard-ond victim complained of being poisoned by his working “Angels of Death.”

“nurse”—the same Mrs. Szabo. In custody, seeking Waltraud Wagner, a nurse’s aide on the graveyard leniency for herself, Szabo fingered a friend, Mrs.

shift at Pavilion 5, was 23 years old when she claimed Bukenoveski, as a fellow practitioner. Bukenoveski, in her first victim in 1983. As later reconstructed for turn, was the first to name Julia Fazekas. In 1924, she authorities, she got the notion of eliminating patients said, Fazekas had provided the arsenic used to kill when a 77-year-old woman asked Wagner to “end her Bukenoveski’s 77-year-old mother, after which the old misery.” Waltraud obliged the lady with a morphine woman was dumped in the Tisza to simulate an acci-overdose, discovering in the process that she enjoyed dental drowning.

playing God and holding the power of life and death in Fazekas was hauled in for questioning and staunchly her hands. It was too much fun to quit, too nice to keep denied everything. Without solid evidence, police were from sharing with her special friends.

forced to release her, but they mounted a roving surveil-Over time, Wagner recruited three accomplices, all lance, trailing Fazekas around Nagyrev as she cautioned working the night shift in Pavilion 5. Maria Gruber, her various clients, arresting each woman in turn. Thirty-born in 1964, was a nursing school dropout and unwed eight were jailed on suspicion of murder, and police mother. Irene Leidolf, two years older than Gruber, had descended on the Fazekas home to seize the ringleader.

a husband at home but preferred hanging out with the They found her dead from a dose of her own medicine, girls. Stephanija Mayer, a divorced

grandmother 20

surrounded by pots of flypaper soaking in water.

years Waltraud's senior, emigrated from Yugoslavia in Twenty-six of the Nagyrev suspects were held for trial 1987 and wound up at Lainz, soon joining ranks with at Szolnok, where eight were sentenced to death, seven to Wagner and her murderous cronies.

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ARCHER-GILLIGAN, Amy

As described by prosecutors at her trial, Wagner was Stephanija Mayer admitted helping Wagner out on sev-the sadistic Svengali of the group, instructing her discieral homicides that Waltraud managed to forget.

ples on the proper techniques of lethal injection, teach-Indeed, as the case progressed to trial, Wagner ing them "the water cure"—wherein a patient's nose became increasingly reluctant to discuss her role in the was pinched, the tongue depressed, and water was murders. By late 1990, she had backed off her original poured down the throat. The victim's death, while slow boast of 39 victims, claiming a maximum of 10 patients and agonizing, appeared "natural" on a ward where killed "to ease their pain." Chancellor Franz Vranitzky elderly patients frequently die with fluid in their lungs.

was unimpressed with the turnabout, calling the Lainz In the police view, "Wagner awakened their sadistic murder spree "the most brutal and gruesome crime in instincts. Soon they were running a concentration Austria's history."

camp, not a hospital ward. At the slightest sign of Nor were judge and jury sympathetic when the four annoyance or complaint from a patient, they'd plan the defendants went to trial in March of 1991. Prosecutors patient's murder for the following night."

failed to sell their case on 42 counts of murder, but they

"Annoyances," in Waltraud's book, included snor-proved enough to do the job. Waltraud Wagner was con-ing, soiling sheets, refusing medication, or buzzing the victed of 15 murders, 17 attempted murders, and two nurse's station for help at inconvenient times. In such counts of aggravated assault, drawing a sentence of life cases, Wagner would proclaim, "This one gets a ticket imprisonment. Irene Leidolf also got life, on conviction to God," executing the murder herself or with help of five murders and two bungled attempts. Stephanija from one of her accomplices.

Mayer earned 15 years for a manslaughter conviction Even with four killers working the ward, it took and seven counts of attempted murder, while Maria Gru-some time for the deadly game to accelerate. Most of ber received an identical term for two murder attempts.

the homicides linked to Wagner and company occurred *See also* MEDICAL MURDERS

after early 1987, when Mayer rounded out the team, but Waltraud remained the leader and head executioner for what was soon nicknamed "the death pavilion."

ARCHER-GILLIGAN, Amy

Rumors of a killer at large on Pavilion 5 were wide-Little is known about the early life of the woman who spread by 1988, and Dr. Xavier Pesendorfer, in charge would later commit, in the words of her prosecutor, of the ward, was suspended in April 1989 for failure to commit "the biggest crime that ever shocked New En-launch a timely investigation.

gland." Born in 1873 and married to James Archer in Ultimately negligence among the killers led to their her early twenties, Amy Archer produced her only downfall. Wagner and her cohorts liked to have a few child—a daughter, Mary—in 1898. Three years later, drinks after work, reliving special cases that amused billing herself as a nurse, without apparent qualifica-them, chuckling over one victim's dying expression or tions, she opened a nursing home for the elderly in another's convulsions. In February 1989, they were gig-Newington, Connecticut. Despite "Sister Amy's" rela-gling over the death of elderly Julia Drapal—treated to tive lack of experience, there were no complaints from the "water cure" for refusing medication and calling her clients, and Newington was sad to see her go in Wagner a "common slut"—when a doctor seated

1907, when she moved to Windsor, 10 miles north, and nearby picked up snatches of their conversation. Horri-opened the Archer Home for the Elderly and Infirm.

fied, he went to police, and a six-week investigation led For the first three years, it was business as usual in to the arrest of all four suspects on April 7.

Windsor. Twelve of Amy's clients died between 1907

In custody, the "death angels" confessed to 49 spe-and 1910, a predictable mortality rate that brought her cific murders, Wagner allegedly claiming 39 as her own.

no unusual profit. The surprise casualty of 1910 was

“The ones who got on my nerves,” she explained, James Archer, his death ascribed to natural causes. Amy

“were dispatched directly to a free bed with the good waited three years before she remarried, to Michael Lord.” It was not always simple, she allowed: “Of Gilligan, and her second husband lasted a mere 12

course the patients resisted, but we were stronger. We months. The family physician, Dr. Howard King, saw could decide whether these old fogies lived or died.

no reason for alarm, nor was he concerned by the Their ticket to God was long overdue in any case.”

deaths of 48 clients at Amy’s rest home, lost between There was immediate speculation on a much higher 1911 and 1916. The number might have seemed exces-body count, and Wagner’s accomplices pointed fingers sive for a home with only 14 beds, but Dr. King at their mentor in a bid to save themselves. Alois accepted Sister Amy’s diagnoses in the deaths, his negli-Stacher, head of Vienna’s health department, quoted gence and senility combining to short-circuit suspicion.

Irene Leidolf as being “convinced that 100 patients In fact, Amy had devised what seemed to be the per-were killed by Wagner in each of the past two years.”

fect get-rich scheme, inducing new clients to pay $1,000

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ARCHERD, William Dale

in advance for “lifetime care,” then cutting short their days with poison or a smothering pillow, blaming each successive death on old age or disease. With Dr. King’s obliging death certificates in hand, authorities were loathe to cast aspersions, but ugly rumors began to circulate around Windsor by 1914. Two years later, surviving relatives of elderly Maude Lynch took their suspicions to police, and an undercover officer was planted in the rest home, collecting evidence that led to Sister Amy’s arrest in May 1916. Postmortem examinations found traces of poison in Michael Gilligan and five deceased patients, leaving Amy charged with six counts of murder and suspected of numerous others.

(Physicians calculated a “normal” resident death toll for 1911–16 at eight patients, compared to Amy’s *forty-eight.)*

Dr. King came out swinging, his shaky reputation on the line, describing Sister Amy as a victim of foul persecution. Poison had been planted in the several bodies, he maintained, by "ghouls to incriminate Mrs. Gilligan." Prosecutor Hugh Alcorn responded by calling the case "the worst poison plot this country has ever known." Objections from Amy's lawyer winnowed the charges to one murder count—in the May 1914 death of patient Frank Andrews—and she was convicted in July 1917. Amy's life sentence was successfully appealed on technical grounds, but a second jury William Dale Archerd talks to journalists in court. (Wide returned the same verdict, leaving her caged in Weath-World API)

ersfield Prison. In 1923, a rash of "nervous fits" produced a diagnosis of insanity, and Amy was transferred to a state asylum where she died in 1962, at age 89.

On July 27, 1967, Archerd was arrested in Los

Angeles and charged with three counts of first-degree murder. The victims included his fourth wife, Zella, ***ARCHERD, William Dale***

who collapsed two months after their marriage, on July Born in 1912, William Archerd cherished a lifelong fas-25, 1956; a teenaged nephew, Burney Archerd, dead at cination with medicine. Lacking the cash and self-disci-Long Beach on September 2, 1961; and wife number pline required for medical school, he sought work as a seven, author Mary Brinker Arden, who died on

hospital attendant, learning what he could of drugs and November 3, 1966. As charged in the indictment, their effects through practical experience. During 1940

Archerd was suspected of injecting each victim with an and '41, Archerd worked at Camarillo State Hospital, overdose of insulin, thereby producing lethal attacks of in California, serving in departments where insulin hypoglycemia.

shock therapy was used to treat mental illness. In 1950, At least three other victims were suspected in the he pled guilty to illegal possession of morphine in San murder series. Archerd's first known victim, according Francisco, receiving five years' probation. A second to police, was a friend named William Jones, who died offense revoked his probation, and Archerd was con-in Fontana, California, on October 12, 1947. Archerd's fined to the minimum-security prison at Chino; escap-fifth wife, Juanita, had also displayed classic symptoms ing in 1951, he was quickly recaptured and

transferred of hypoglycemia at her death, in a Las Vegas hospital, to San Quentin. By October 1953, he was free on on March 13, 1958. Another of Archerd's friends, parole.

Frank Stewart, died in the same hospital two years later, Archerd's "bad luck" extended into other aspects of on March 17, 1960.

his life, as well. Married seven times in 15 years, he lost On March 6, 1968, William Archerd was convicted three wives to mysterious illnesses between 1958 and on three counts of murder, the first American defendant 1966. If that were not enough, his friends and relatives convicted of using insulin as a murder weapon. His were also dying under unusual circumstances.

death sentence was affirmed by California's state ***4***

ARTWORK and Memorabilia Related to Serial Murder supreme court in December 1970, then reduced to life whole families with his favorite shotgun, then burned imprisonment two years later, when the US Supreme their houses down in an attempt to destroy evidence.

Court described existing death-penalty statutes as Similar motives are seen in cases of bodies left in burn-

"cruel and unusual punishment."

ing cars (though torching a car is not legally classified as arson).

Profit-motivated arson is a favorite pastime of cer-ARSON and Serial Murder

tain BLACK WIDOWS and other serial killers driven by Often labeled "fire-setting" when committed by juve-desire to collect insurance payoffs. BELLE GUNNESS and niles, arson is ranked by all experts as a major child-Virginia Rearden both collected insurance payments hood WARNING SIGN of future violent behavior. It is also from multiple fires before they turned to killing for a crime unique in itself, and some serial killers pursue profit. (Belle also faked her own death, leaving another sidelines in arson throughout their adult lives. As with woman's headless corpse in the ashes of her Indiana homicide, the FBI's Crime Classification Manual (1992) home before she fled to parts unknown.)

divides arson into various categories by motive, several Extremist-motivated arson, in FBI parlance, is subdi-of which apply to known serial slayers.

vided into arson as a tool of terrorism, discrimination, The first category, vandalism-motivated arson, is or riots and civil disturbance. A

prime case in point is most likely to be seen in children or adolescents, though racist nomad JOSEPH FRANKLIN, who torched syna-adults are by no means immune to the urge. The subcat-gogues between his deadly sniper attacks on blacks and egory most applicable to serial stalkers in this field is interracial couples.

willful and malicious mischief, often targeting schools, Serial arson rates a category of its own in the FBI churches, and similar institutions.

manual, once again defined (as with SERIAL MURDER) as The next category, excitement-motivated arson, is

"three or more firesetting episodes, with a characteristic subdivided by the FBI into groups labeled thrill seeker, emotional cooling-off period between fires." Pre-attention seeker, recognition (hero), and *sexual perver-dictably, the cooling-off period remains undefined but sion, all of which apply to known serial killers. DAVID*

"may last days, weeks, or even years." No allowance is BERKOWITZ kept a detailed log of fires he set and false made in the FBI's taxonomy for arsonists arrested after alarms he telephoned to New York City fire stations. In their second fire, but again, those deemed to act with-England, BRUCE LEE could only reach orgasm while out the undefined hiatus are dubbed spree arsonists.

lighting and watching residential fires, a quirk that Finally, mass arson is defined by the Bureau as the set-claimed 22 lives before he was captured. Serial arsonist ting of multiple fires at a single location, as on several John Orr, himself a captain and arson investigator with floors of a high-rise hotel. No explanation is offered for the Glendale, California, Fire Department, was con-how this may differ from, say, the profit-motivated victed and sentenced to prison in 1992 for setting vari-burning (with multiple ignition points) of a large build-ous brush and house fires around the Los Angeles area ing torched for insurance.

during 1990 and 1991, including one fire that

See also BOMBING; MOTIVES; PARAPHILIA destroyed 67 hillside homes; six years later, in June 1998, Orr was convicted of setting the 1984 blaze that killed four persons in a Pasadena hardware store. Curi-ARTWORK and Memorabilia Related to Serial

ously, Orr set fires most often after attending seminars ***Murder***

with fellow arson investigators.

Considering the celebrity status conferred on infamous Revenge-motivated arson may include fires set for criminals in modern society, it comes as no surprise that personal retaliation, societal retaliation, institutional some of them become "collectible" through such media retaliation, group retaliation (as by gangs and cults), or as portraits and autographed photos, personal memen-intimidation. David Berkowitz once tried setting fire to tos, model kits, trading cards, comic books, and sundry the apartment of a total stranger whom he thought was other items ranging from tawdry curiosities to the somehow "plotting" against him. David Wayne

bizarre. This fascination with felons in general—and Roberts killed three persons when he torched the home serial killers in particular—is viewed by some critics as of a salesman who reported him for stealing auto tires.

a symbol of societal decadence (even imminent apoca-Crime-concealment-motivated arson is another type lypse), while others dismiss it as a passing fad. On bal-that fits some serial offenders. In New York, sadistic ance, given the apparent declining interest in such items slayer Richard Cottingham set fire to a hotel room since the mid-1990s, the latter view would seem to be where the headless corpses of two women he'd killed correct.

were recovered from the ruins. Russia's ANATOLY ONO-Serial killer art, as noted by authors Harold

PRIENKO, with 52 kills charged against him, massacred Schechter and David Everitt, may be conveniently **5**

ARTWORK and Memorabilia Related to Serial Murder divided into two categories: art *depicting* serial murder-While Gacy hogged headlines in the war of words ers, and art created *by* the killers themselves. The for-surrounding killer art, other notorious predators were mer category includes everything from formal portraits quietly at work, including Richard Speck (wildlife and life-sized sculpture to weird, abstract sketches on watercolors), “Night Stalker” RICHARD RAMIREZ (ball-cheaply produced trading cards and the sometimes point doodles), MANSON “FAMILY” alumnus Bobby

graphic scenes depicted in various comic book “biogra-Beausoleil (paintings), and Charles Manson himself phies” of notorious slayers. The several sets of trading (sketches and toy animals fashioned from socks).

cards and comics sparked heated controversy in the

“Quiet” hardly describes the case of “Gainesville Rip-early 1990s, as parents and conservative religious lead-per” Danny Rolling, whose pen-and-ink drawings were ers blamed them for “corrupting” modern youth. Pro-sold by his publicist and one-time fiancée, Sondra Lon-ducers of the cards and comics countered with

don, until the state of Florida filed suit to shut the busi-reminders that their goods were plainly marked “for ness down. Elmer Wayne Henley,

accomplice and slayer sale to adults only" and were not intended for a of Houston's DEAN CORLL, has emerged as another younger audience—an argument which critics viewed as prison artist of note, his paintings displayed at two somewhat disingenuous. (Nassau County, New York, Texas galleries in 1998. Predictably, the showings drew legally banned the sale of one card set to minors; by the more anger than acclaim, picketers at one gallery arriv-time that law was voided on appeal, the company in ing with signs that read "hang Henley, not his art."

question had gone bankrupt.)

New York inmate Arthur Shawcross sparked a similar Generally speaking, collectors of serial killer art are furor in September 1999, when prison administrators more interested in work produced by the murderers learned that he had retained agents to sell his paintings themselves, and there has been no shortage of product on the Internet auction site eBay. Shawcross spent nine from the 1980s onward. Prison inmates have tons of months in solitary confinement for that transgression of spare time, and some unlikely artists have emerged prison policy and lost all art privileges for an additional from America's captive population of recreational five years. On May 16, 2001, eBay announced a ban on killers. JOHN GACY was easily the most famous, known further sales of "murderabilia."

worldwide for his paintings of clowns, skulls, and other Other collectible items in the serial murder genre subjects, sold from death row in a marketing scheme so include T-shirts emblazoned with portraits of various controversial that the state of Illinois would later sue killers, autographs from sundry slayers, a scale model Gacy's estate, seeking to recover room and board of EDWARD GEIN (complete with shovel and lantern, expenses for the years he spent in prison. As with many preparing to rob a fresh grave), and similar items. An other artists, Gacy's work has grown more pricey since Internet website markets scores of "killer fonts," allow-his death in 1994, one outraged critic purchasing a ing persons so inclined to print computer-generated block of paintings and burning them publicly, to pre-documents in the (simulated) handwriting of various vent them reaching "the wrong hands."

psychopaths ranging from "JACK THE RIPPER" to more recent specimens. By 1995, several mail-order catalogs offered a wide range of murderous memorabilia and accessories—fake skulls and severed limbs, etc.—for collectors with money to burn. An easy winner in the poor-taste

category (and impossible to authenticate without DNA tests) was the offer of fingernail clippings from LAWRENCE (“Pliers”) BITTAKER, awaiting execution at San Quentin. In February 1999, the Back Bay Brewing Company named a new brand of ale for

alleged “BOSTON STRANGLER” Albert DeSalvo, declaring: “It’s probably one of our best.”

As with FICTION AND FILM treatments of serial murder, the sale and collection of killer art and memorabilia invites protests that vendors and buyers alike are somehow “glorifying” human monsters, transforming them into “heroes.” And, while it is undeniable that certain infamous killers—notably Manson and Ramirez—enjoy literal cult icon status with some pathological characters on the lunatic fringe, most casual collectors of mur-

One of John Wayne Gacy’s clown paintings (Wide World API)

der memorabilia seem slightly eccentric, at worst. As **6**

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the majority of baseball card collectors never pitch a On September 4, Milton Harvey, age 14, vanished big-league game, so there has been no case to date of during a neighborhood bike ride. His body was recov-any “killer art” collector emulating Gacy, Speck, or ered three weeks later, but the cause of death remains Manson with a series of atrocious crimes. The contro-officially “unknown.” Yusef Bell, a nine-year-old, was versy surrounding such items generates income for ven-last seen alive when his mother sent him to the store on dors and critics alike (as when religious groups hold October 21. Found dead in an abandoned school

rallies and sell pamphlets or collect donations to oppose November 8, he had been manually strangled by a pow-the latest “sinful” fad), but otherwise, the impact of ser-erful assailant.

ial murder collectibles on American society seems no Angel Lenair, age 12, was the first recognized victim more significant or lasting than the Nehru jacket or the of 1980. Reported missing on March 4, she was found hula hoop.

six days later, tied to a tree with her hands bound In September 1999, French authorities suggested behind her. The first female victim, she had been sexu-that art might be a motivating factor in a series of ally abused and strangled; someone else’s panties were unsolved murders around Perpignan. The first victim, extracted from her throat.

19-year-old Moktaria Chaib, was found stabbed to On March 11, Jeffrey Mathis vanished on an errand death and mutilated near Perpignan's railway station in to the store. Eleven months would pass before recovery December 1997. Police arrested Dr. Andres Barrios, a of his skeletal remains, advanced decomposition ruling Peruvian-born surgeon whom reporters quickly

out a declaration on the cause of death. On May 18, dubbed "a Latin JACK THE RIPPER," and detectives 14-year-old Eric Middlebrooks left home after receiving linked him tentatively to the 1995 disappearance of 17-a telephone call from persons unknown. Found the next year-old Tatiana Andujar in the same vicinity. Then, day, his death was blamed on head injuries, inflicted with Barrios still in custody, the slayer struck again in with a blunt instrument.

June 1998, killing 22-year-old Marie-Hélène Gonzalez, The terror escalated that summer. On June 9,

escaping with her severed head and hands. Barrios was Christopher Richardson, 12, vanished en route to a then released on bond, while officers compared the neighborhood swimming pool. Latonya Wilson was mutilations suffered by Chaib and Gonzalez to por-abducted from her home on June 22, the night before traits of disfigured women painted by surrealist Sal-her seventh birthday, bringing federal agents into the vador Dalí. The link was strengthened, some said, by case. The following day, 10-year-old Aaron Wyche was the late artist's comment that he "sprang to attention reported missing by his family. Searchers found his with joy and ecstasy" when he passed Perpignan's rail-body on June 24, lying beneath a railroad trestle, his way depot. The crimes in France remained unsolved neck broken. Originally dubbed an accident, Aaron's when this work went to press.

death was subsequently added to the growing list of *See also* GROUPIES

dead and missing blacks.

Anthony Carter, age nine, disappeared while playing near his home on July 6, 1980; recovered the following **ATLANTA "Child Murders"**

day, he was dead from multiple stab wounds. Earl Ter-The curious and controversial string of deaths that rell joined the list on July 30, when he vanished from a sparked a two-year reign of terror in Atlanta, Georgia, public swimming pool. Skeletal remains discovered on has been labeled

“child murders,” even though a sus-January 9, 1981, would yield no clues about the cause pect—ultimately blamed for 23 of 30 “official” homi-of death.

cides—was finally convicted only in the deaths of two Next up on the list was 12-year-old Clifford Jones, adult ex-convicts. Today, nearly two decades after that snatched off the street and strangled on August 20.

suspect’s arrest, the case remains, in many minds, an With the recovery of his body in October, homicide unsolved mystery.

detectives interviewed five witnesses who named his Investigation of the case began, officially, on July 28, killer as a white man, later jailed in 1981 on charges of 1979. That afternoon, a woman hunting empty cans attempted rape and sodomy. Those witnesses provide and bottles in Atlanta stumbled on a pair of corpses, details of the crime consistent with the placement and carelessly concealed in roadside undergrowth. One vic-condition of the victim’s body, but detectives chose to tim, shot with a .22-caliber weapon, was identified as ignore their sworn statements, listing Jones with other 14-year-old Edward Smith, reported missing on July 21.

victims of the “unknown” murderer.

The other was 13-year-old Alfred Evans, last seen alive Darren Glass, an 11-year-old, vanished near his on July 25; the coroner ascribed his death to “proba-home on September 14, 1980. Never found, he joins the ble” asphyxiation. Both dead boys, like all of those to list primarily because authorities don’t know what else come, were African-American.

to do with his case. October’s victim was Charles

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Walker, was strangled on February 19 and found the same day. Joseph Bell, 16, was asphyxiated on March 2.

Timothy Hill, on March 11, was recorded as a drowning victim.

On March 30, Atlanta police added their first adult victim to the list of murdered children. He was Larry Rogers, 20, linked with younger victims by the fact that he had been asphyxiated. No cause of death was determined for a second adult victim, 21-year-old Eddie Duncan, but he made the list anyway, when his body was found on March 31. On April 1, ex-convict

Michael McIntosh, age 23, was added to the roster on grounds that he, too, had been asphyxiated.

By April 1981, it seemed apparent that the “child murders” case was getting out of hand. Community critics denounced the official victims list as incomplete and arbitrary, citing cases like the January 1981 murder of Faye Yearby to prove their point. Like “official” victim Angel Lenair, Yearby was bound to a tree by her killer, hands behind her back; she had been stabbed to death, like four acknowledged victims on the list.

Despite those similarities, police rejected Yearby’s case on grounds that (a) she was a female—as were Wilson and Lenair—and (b) that she was “too old” at age 22, although the last acknowledged victim had been 23.

Author Dave Dettlinger, examining police malfeasance Wayne Williams (Wide World API)

in the case, suggests that 63 potential “pattern” victims were capriciously omitted from the “official” roster, 25

of them *after* a suspect’s arrest supposedly ended the killing.

Stephens, reported missing on the ninth and recovered In April 1981, FBI spokesmen declared that several the next day, his life extinguished by asphyxiation. Cap-of the crimes were “substantially solved,” outraging ping off the month, authorities discovered skeletal blacks with suggestions that some of the dead had been remains of Latonya Wilson on October 18, but they slain by their own parents. While that storm was rag-could not determine how she died.

ing, Roy Innis, leader of the Congress of Racial Equal-On November 1, nine-year-old Aaron Jackson’s dis-ity, went public with the story of a female witness who appearance was reported to police by frantic parents.

described the murders as the actions of a cult involved The boy was found on November 2, another victim of with drugs, pornography, and Satanism. Innis led asphyxiation. Patrick Rogers, 15, followed on Novem-searchers to an apparent ritual site, complete with large ber 10. His pitiful remains, skull crushed by heavy inverted crosses, and his witness passed two polygraph blows, were not unearthed until February 1981.

examinations, but by that time police had focused their Two days after New Year’s, the elusive slayer picked attention on another suspect, narrowing their scrutiny off Lubie Geter, strangling the 14-year-old and dumping to the exclusion of all other possibilities.

his body where it would not be found until February 5.

On April 21, Jimmy Payne, a 21-year-old ex-convict, Terry Pue, 15, went missing on January 22 and was was reported missing in Atlanta. Six days later, when found the next day, strangled with a cord or piece of his body was recovered, death was publicly attributed rope. This time, detectives said that special chemicals to suffocation, and his name was added to the list of enabled them to lift a suspect's fingerprints from Terry's murdered "children." William Barrett, 17, went missing corpse. Unfortunately, they were not on file with any May 11; he was found the next day, another victim of law enforcement agency in the United States.

asphyxiation.

Patrick Baltazar, age 12, disappeared on February 6.

Several bodies had, by now, been pulled from local His body was found a week later, marked by ligature rivers, and police were staking out the waterways by strangulation, and the skeletal remains of Jeffrey night. In the predawn hours of May 22, a rookie officer Mathis were discovered nearby. A 13-year-old, Curtis stationed under a bridge on the Chattahoochee River

reported hearing "a splash" in the water nearby. Above ily. The clothes of victim Stephens also allegedly yielded him, a car rumbled past, and officers manning the fibers from a second car—a 1970 Chevrolet—owned by bridge were alerted. Police and FBI agents halted a vehi-Wayne's parents. Curiously, jurors were *not* informed of cle driven by Wayne Bertram Williams, a black man, multiple eyewitness testimony naming a different sus-and spent two hours grilling him and searching his car, pect in the Jones case, nor were they advised of a criti-before they let him go. On May 24, the corpse of cal gap in the prosecution's fiber evidence.

Nathaniel Cater, a 27-year-old convicted felon, was Specifically, Wayne Williams had no access to the fished out of the river downstream. Authorities put two vehicles in question at the times when three of the six and two together and focused their probe on Wayne

"fiber" victims were killed. Wayne's father took the Williams.

Ford in for repairs at 9:00 A.M. on July 30, 1980, nearly From the start, he made a most unlikely suspect. The five hours *before* Earl Terrell vanished that afternoon.

only child of two Atlanta schoolteachers, Williams still Terrell was long dead before Williams got the car back lived with his parents at age 23. A

college dropout, he on August 7, and it was returned to the shop next cherished ambitions of earning fame and fortune as a morning (August 8), still refusing to start. A new esti-music promoter. In younger days, he had constructed a mate on repair costs was so expensive that Wayne's working radio station in the basement of the family father refused to pay, and the family never again had home.

access to the car. Meanwhile, Clifford Jones was kid-On June 21, Williams was arrested and charged with napped on August 20 and Charles Stephens on October the murder of Nathaniel Cater, despite testimony from 9, 1980. The defendant's family did not purchase the four witnesses who reported seeing Cater alive on May 1970 Chevrolet in question until October 21, 12 days 22 and 23, *after* the infamous "splash." On July 17, *after* Stephen's death.

Williams was indicted for killing two adults—Cater and On February 27, 1982, Wayne Williams was con-Payne—while newspapers trumpeted the capture of victed on two counts of murder and sentenced to a Atlanta's "child killer."

double term of life imprisonment. Two days later, the At his trial, beginning in December 1981, the prose-Atlanta "child murders" task force officially disbanded, cution painted Williams as a violent homosexual and announcing that 23 of 30 "List" cases were considered bigot, so disgusted with his own race that he hoped to solved with his conviction, even though no charges had wipe out future generations by killing black children been filed. The other seven cases, still open, reverted before they could breed. One witness testified that he to the normal homicide detail and remain unsolved to saw Williams holding hands with Nathaniel Cater on this day.

May 21, a few hours before "the splash." Another, 15

In November 1985, a new team of lawyers uncov-

years old, told the court that Williams had paid him ered once-classified documents from an investigation of two dollars for the privilege of fondling his genitals.

the Ku Klux Klan, conducted during 1980 and '81 by Along the way, authorities announced the addition of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. A spy inside the a final victim, 28-year-old John Porter, to the list of Klan told GBI agents that Klansmen were "killing the victims.

children" in Atlanta, hoping to provoke a race war.

Defense attorneys tried to balance the scales with tes-One Klansman in particular, Charles Sanders, allegedly timony from a woman who admitted having “normal boasted of murdering “List” victim Lubie Geter, fol-sex” with Williams, but the prosecution won a crucial lowing a personal altercation. Geter reportedly struck point when the presiding judge admitted testimony on Sanders’s car with a go-cart, prompting the Klansman 10 other deaths from the “child murders” list, designed to tell his friend, “I’m gonna kill him. I’m gonna choke to prove a pattern in the slayings. One of those admit-the black bastard to death.” (Geter was, in fact, stran-ted was the case of Terry Pue, but neither side had any-gled, some three months after the incident in question.) thing to say about the fingerprints allegedly recovered In early 1981, the same informant told GBI agents that from his corpse in January 1981.

“after twenty black-child killings, they, the Klan, were The most impressive evidence of guilt was offered by going to start killing black women.” Perhaps coinci-a team of scientific experts, dealing with assorted hairs dentally, police records note the unsolved murders of and fibers found on certain victims. Testimony indi-numerous black women in Atlanta in 1980–82, with cated that some fibers from a brand of carpet found most of the victims strangled. On July 10, 1998, Butts inside the Williams home (and many other homes, as County Superior Court Judge Hal Craig rejected the well) had been identified on several bodies. Further, vic-latest appeal for a new trial in Williams’s case, based tims Middlebrooks, Wyche, Cater, Terrell, Jones, and on suppression of critical evidence 15 years earlier.

Stephens all supposedly bore fibers from the trunk liner Judge Craig denied yet another new-trial motion on of a 1979 Ford automobile owned by the Williams fam-June 15, 2000.

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“AX Man of New Orleans”

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vived to bear a healthy daughter, but her memory of the In the predawn hours of May 23, 1918, New Orleans attack was vague, at best. A hulking shadow by her grocer Joseph Maggio and his wife were murdered in bed, the ax descending—and oblivion.

bed by a prowler who chiseled through their back door, On August 10, sisters Pauline and Mary Bruno woke used Joseph’s ax to strike each victim once across the to sounds of struggle in the adjacent room occupied by

skull, then slit their throats with a razor to finish the their uncle, Joseph Romano. They rushed next door to job. Maggio's brothers discovered the bodies and were find him dying of a head wound, but they caught a briefly held as suspects, but police could find no evi-glimpse of his assailant, described in official reports as dence of their involvement in the crime and both were

"dark, tall, heavy-set, wearing a dark suit and a black soon released.

slouch hat."

A few blocks from the murder scene, detectives The rest of August 1918 was a nightmare for police, found a cryptic message chalked on the sidewalk. It with numerous reports of chiseled doors, discarded read: "Mrs. Maggio is going to sit up tonight just like axes, and lurking strangers. Several of the latter were Mrs. Toney." Police could offer no interpretation, so pursued by vengeful mobs but always managed to the press stepped in. An article in the *New Orleans* escape. At last, with time and the distraction of an *States* cited a "veritable epidemic" of unsolved ax mur-armistice in war-torn Europe, the hysteria began to ders in 1911, listing the victims as Italian grocers fade.

named Cruti, Rosetti (allegedly killed with his wife), On March 10, 1919, the scene shifted to Gretna, and Tony Schiambra (whose spouse was also reportedly across the river from New Orleans. A prowler invaded slain). Over nine decades, half a dozen authors have the home of Charles Cortimiglia, helping himself to the accepted that report as factual, relying on the "early"

grocer's own ax before wounding Charles and his wife crimes to bolster this or that supposed solution in the and killing their infant daughter. From her hospital bed, case. Unfortunately, the initial report was so garbled Rose Cortimiglia accused two neighbors, Iorlando Jor-that it bore little resemblance to fact.

dano and his son Frank, of committing the crime.

Local records reveal that a victim named Cruti was Despite firm denials from Charles, both suspects were murdered at home in August 1910, followed one month jailed pending trial.

later by a vicious ax assault on Joseph and Conchetta Meanwhile, on March 14, the *Times-Picayune* pub-Rissetto. (Joseph survived his wounds and blamed the lished a letter signed by "The Axeman." Describing crime on an unidentified burglar.) The only coroner's himself as "a fell demon

from the hottest hell," the report on a Rosetti in 1911 involved Mary Rosetti, a author announced his intention of touring New Orleans black woman whose death was ascribed to dysentery.

on March 19—St. Joseph's Night—and vowed to

Meanwhile, New Orleans journalists ignored the June bypass any home where jazz was playing at the time.

1911 ax attacks on a couple named Davi. (The wife sur-

"One thing is certain," he declared, "and that is that vived in that case.) Anthony Sciambra and his wife some of those people who do not jazz it (if there be any) Johanna were murdered at home in May 1912, both will get the axe!" On the appointed night, already shot at close range and thus divorced entirely from the known for raucous celebration, New Orleans was even Ax Man crimes. Ironically, there were other unsolved noisier than usual. The din included numerous perfor-ax murders in Louisiana during 1911, claiming a total mances of "The Axman's Jazz," a song composed for of 16 lives, but the victims were all black and none were the occasion, and the evening passed without a new killed in New Orleans.

attack.

On June 28, 1918, a baker delivering bread to the The Jordano trial opened in Gretna on May 21,

grocery of Louis Besumer found a panel cut from the 1919. Charles Cortimiglia did his best for the defense, back door. He knocked, and Besumer emerged, blood but jurors believed his wife and convicted both defen-streaming from a head wound. Inside the apartment, dants of murder on May 26. Frank Jordano was sen-Besumer's "wife"—Anna Lowe, a divorcée—lay criti-tenced to hang, while his elderly father received a term cally wounded. She lingered on for seven weeks, deliri-of life imprisonment. (Charles Cortimiglia divorced his ous, once calling Besumer a German spy and later wife after the trial, and Rose was arrested for prostitu-recanting. On August 5 she died, after naming Besumer tion in November 1919. She recanted her testimony on as her attacker, prompting his arrest on murder charges.

December 7, 1920, explaining to police that spite and (Nine months later, on May 1, 1919, a jury deliberated jealousy prompted her accusations. The Jordanos were all of 10 minutes before finding him innocent.) pardoned and released from custody.)

Returning late from work that same evening—

And still the raids continued. Grocer Steve Boca was August 5—Ed Schneider found his pregnant wife

wounded at home on August 27, 1919, his door chis-unconscious in their bed, her scalp laid open. She sureled through, the bloody ax discarded in his kitchen.

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"AX Man of New Orleans"

On September 3 the Ax Man or an imitator entered as a suspect from the 1912 Sciambra attack). Author Sarah Laumann's bedroom through an open window, Jay Robert Nash "solved" the case in his book *Blood-wounding her in bed and dropping his weapon on the letters and Badmen (1973), calling Mumfre a Mafia hit lawn outside. Eight weeks later, on October 27, grocer man who was allegedly pursuing a long vendetta Mike Pepitone was murdered at home; his wife*

against "members of the Pepitone family." The expla-glimpsed the killer but offered detectives no helpful nation fails when one recalls that only one of the Ax description. There the crime spree ended as it had Man's 11 victims—and the last, at that—was a Pepi-begun, in mystery.

tone. Likewise, speculation on a Mafia extortion plot Author Robert Tallant proposed a solution to the Ax against Italian grocers ignores the fact that four victims Man riddle in 1953, in his book Murder in New were not Italian, and several were completely uncon-Orleans. According to Tallant, a man named Joseph nected to the grocery business.

Mumfre was shot and killed in Los Angeles on Decem-Still, there is a more deadly flaw in the Tallant-Nash ber 2, 1920, while walking on a public street. Mumfre's solution to the Ax Man mystery: the Joseph Mumfre assailant, a veiled woman dressed in black, was identi-murder in Los Angeles never happened!

fied as the widow of Mike Pepitone. At her murder trial, Ax Man researcher William Kingman has pursued

which resulted in a 10-year prison sentence, she named the Mumfre tale and received formal notice from Cali-Mumfre as her husband's killer—and, by implication, as fornia's State Registrar of Vital Statistics on September the Ax Man of New Orleans. Tallant reports that New 10, 2001, that no person named Joseph Mumfre died Orleans detectives checked Mumfre's record and found anywhere in the Golden State between 1905 and 2000.

that he was serving time in jail for burglary during the The story of Mumfre’s murder in Los Angeles and Mrs.

Ax Man’s hiatus from August 1918 to March 1919.

Pepitone’s subsequent trial is, in short, a complete fabri-Other authors seized upon Tallant’s solution, report-cation. Robert Tallant is beyond interrogation on this ing that Joseph Mumfre was imprisoned between 1911

or any other subject, having died in New Orleans on and 1918, thus implying a connection to earlier New April 1, 1957. As for the Ax Man of New Orleans, his Orleans homicides (though he would still be excluded case remains a tantalizing mystery.

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“BABY Farming”: Infanticide for profit

even the United States has been exempt from lethal Each historical era spawns its own peculiar types of

“baby farming,” illustrated by the New York City case crime, from piracy and slave trading to the modern age of 14 infant murders reported in 1915. That case of “wilding” and computer “hackers.” The occupation remains unsolved, but other practitioners were brought known as “baby farming” was a product of the Victo-to book for their crimes in England and Canada, with rian era, when sex was equivalent to sin and illegitimate one case broken as recently as the late 1940s.

birth meant lifelong shame for mother and child alike.

In that repressive atmosphere, the “baby farmer”—usually a woman—was prepared to help an unwed mother

“BAD Seeds”: “Natural-born” killers

through her time of trial . . . but only for a price.

The notion of inherited criminal traits is nothing new.

In most cases, the “farmer” provided room and

Indeed, the first scientific system of criminal identifica-board during a mother’s confinement, allowing embar-tion was crafted by French anthropologist Alphonse rassed families to tell the neighbors that their daughter Bertillion in 1879, based on a complex system of bodily had gone “to study abroad” or “stay with relatives.”

measurements, including those of the skull and facial Facilities ranged from humble country cottages to the features. While the Bertillion system was eventually dis-likes of LILA YOUNG’s spacious Ideal Maternity

Home, credited, the belief in hereditary “criminal types” per-where hundreds of infants were born between 1925 and sisted in some quarters—and has lately garnered 1947. Unwed mothers went home with their reputa-support, albeit conditional, from the medical and psy-tions and consciences intact, secure in the knowledge chiatric professions.

that their babies would be placed in good homes The label of “bad seeds” derives from William

through black-market adoptions.

March’s 1954 novel of the same title, which told the It was a no-lose proposition for the “baby farmer,”

story of a homicidal eight-year-old, her violent tenden-paid by those who left a child and once again by those cies inherited from a murderous mother she never knew.

who came to pick one up. If certain laws were broken By 1954, of course, it was well known that many—if in the process, it was all the better reason for increas-not most—violent criminals emerged from homes where ing the adoption fees. Most unwed mothers and adop-CHILDHOOD TRAUMA and abuse were routine. At the tive parents doubtless viewed the “baby farmer’s”

same time, however, occasional aberrant cases (or those occupation as a valuable public service, never mind with incomplete histories of the offender) challenged prevailing law.

supporters of environmental causes in the “nature vs.

It was not uncommon, however, for “baby farmers”

nurture” argument.

to repeatedly use criminal negligence or deliberate mur-In the 1960s, some researchers ardently pursued the der as a shortcut to profit in the maternity game. Over

“XYY syndrome,” so called after individuals born with time there have been several headline cases, and not a surplus Y—or male—chromosome. An estimated

100,000 males come so equipped in the United States Chemical imbalance may also affect human attitude annually, and it has been suggested that the extra dash and behavior, whether that imbalance results from of “maleness” makes them more aggressive, even vio-brain damage,

glandular dysfunction, environmental lent, with a greater tendency toward criminal activity.

contaminants, or the deliberate ingestion of drugs and The theory got a boost in 1966, when random killer alcohol. Manic-depression, schizophrenia, and some Richard Speck was diagnosed—mistakenly, as it turned forms of psychosis are treatable with medication to out—as one such "supermale." Eager researchers cited varying degrees, since they originate within the body, his stature and facial acne as sure-fire symptoms of rather than within the mind. Today, we know that such XYY syndrome, but genetic tests failed to bear out their conditions may also be hereditary, handed down suspicion. In the meantime, it was noted that XYY

through many generations of a single family—in which males comprise a larger percentage of the nation's case, certain schizophrenic or psychotic killers may prison population than of the male population at large, indeed be the proverbial "bad seeds."

but such figures are easily skewed. As authors Jack There are, of course, substantial risks involved in try-Levin and James Fox point out in *Mass Murder* (1985), ing to predict an individual's adult behavior from spe-the XYY males who wind up in prison or mental insti-cific childhood symptoms, and it must be granted the tutions accused of violent crimes constitute a minuscule vast majority of children from "tainted" families—or segment of the overall group.

from abusive homes—do not go on to kill for sport. Pre-Another proponent of the "bad seed" theory, the late dictive theories are often based on tiny samplings, some-Joel Norris, cites 23 symptoms of genetic damage found times on a single case, and subjects chosen for review in a select listing of modern serial killers. The WARNING

have typically drawn much attention to themselves by SIGNS range from bulbous fingertips and curved fifth their bizarre behavior. In practice, some of the worst ser-fingers to crooked teeth and "electric-wire hair that ial killers—including the likes of CHARLES MANSON and won't comb down." Unfortunately, the list of "killer HENRY LUCAS—present histories of both severe abuse symptoms" is so broad, and ultimately vague, that it is and genetic, inherited dysfunction. Frequently the off-rendered next to useless.

spring of alcoholic, drug-abusing parents with criminal With various serial killers reporting convulsions or backgrounds, tortured and molested

from infancy, such seizures from childhood, it is logical to ask if epilepsy human monsters may in fact be born *and* made.

plays a role—however minor—in cases of episodic vio-See also CROSS-DRESSING; MOTIVES; PARAPHILIA lence. Without indicting epileptics as a class, it is worth noting that electroencephalogram (EEG) tests reveal

“spiking” patterns of random, uncontrollable electrical **BAI Baoshan**

discharges during seizure activity. Their source, the lim-Described in official dispatches as China’s most prolific bic brain, controls primitive emotions like fear and serial killer to date, with 15 known victims (compared rage, triggering the “fight-or-flight” response when we to 13 for LI WENXIAN), Bai Baoshan apparently com-are frightened or surprised. Some analysts now specu-mitted his first murder in the early 1980s, during a late that similar disorders may produce unpredictable poorly planned holdup. Convicted of murder and rob-violent outbursts in specific individuals.

bery in that case, he served 13 years in prison and Another target of modern research into episodic vio-emerged with a brooding desire for revenge against lence is the hypothalamus, sometimes described as the society at large.

brain’s “emotional voltage regulator.” Dr. Helen Morri-Bai’s payback rampage began in March 1996, when son, a Chicago psychiatrist whose interview subjects he attacked a police sentry in Beijing and stole a semi-include JOHN GACY, PETER SUTCLIFFE, and “Mad Biter”

automatic weapon, later used to kill one person and Richard Macek, cites damage to the hypothalamic wound six others (including four patrolmen). Authori-region of the brain as a potential cause of violent crime.

ties believe he also robbed and killed a Beijing cigarette The hypothalamus regulates hormone production, vendor before leaving town and traveling to the north-including the adrenal and thyroid glands, with corre-ern Chinese province of Hebei. There, Bai killed sponding influence on individual response to real or another policeman and stole his automatic rifle, moving perceived threats. In essence, Dr. Morrison contends on to Urümqi, the capital of Xinjiang province. In that damage to the hypothalamus may prevent an indi-Urümqi, authorities say Bai and two accomplices mur-vidual from growing toward emotional maturity. When

dered 10 persons—including police officers, security threatened or insulted, even if the threat is mere illu-guards, and civilians—while stealing 1.5 million yuan sion, individuals with hypothalamic damage may (about $180,000). Unhappy with the prospect of shar-respond with childish tantrums . . . and the grown-up ing his loot, Bai killed one of his cohorts and kept all weapons of adults.

the money for himself. By that time, Bai had earned the **13**

BALL, Joe

dubious honor of being labeled China's "Public Enemy of several female corpses, acting under threat of death No. 1."

when he fed their dismembered remains to the alliga-Returning to Beijing in October 1997, the 39-year-tors. From the safety of his new location, Joe's ex-old gunman was traced by police and arrested on Octo-neighbor joined the litany, describing an evening in ber 16, charged with 14 homicides and various related 1936 when he had seen Ball chopping up a woman's felonies. A local newspaper reported his confession, and body and tossing the fragments to his hungry pets.

he was returned to Xinjiang province for trial, where The Rangers had enough to indict Ball, but they most of his victims were slain. Convicted on all counts needed solid evidence for a conviction. On September and sentenced to death, Bai Baoshan was executed on 24, 1938, they dropped by the Sociable Inn to examine May 6, 1998.

Joe's meat barrel, and Ball realized the game was up.

Stepping behind the bar, he rang up a "no sale" on the cash register, drew a pistol from the drawer, and killed **BALL, Joe**

himself with one shot to the head. His handyman was Born in 1892, Joe Ball was a one-time bootlegger and jailed for two years as an accessory after the fact, while tavern owner in Elmendorf, Texas, near San Antonio.

Joe's alligators were donated to the San Antonio zoo.

In the 1930s, he ran the Sociable Inn, distinguished by its lovely waitresses and alligator pit out back, where Ball would daily entertain his patrons with the ritual of **BÁTHORY, Erzsebet**

feeding time. He seemed to have a problem keeping Born in 1560, Erzsebet (or Elizabeth) Báthory was the waitresses—and wives—but the variety was part of daughter of an aristocratic soldier and the sister of what made Joe's establishment so popular.

Poland’s reigning king. Her family, in fact, was one of Ball possessed a darker side, however, and according the oldest noble houses in Hungary, its crest bearing the to reports from other residents of Elmendorf, he draconic symbol incorporated by King Sigismund into sounded anything but sociable. One neighbor, a police-the Order of the Dragon. The Báthory clan included man named Elton Crude, was threatened with a pistol knights and judges, bishops, cardinals, and kings, but it after he complained about the stench emitted by Joe’s had fallen into decadence by the mid-16th century, the alligator pond. (The smell, Ball normally explained, royal bloodline marred by incest and epilepsy, with was due to rotting meat he used for ’gator food.) later family ranks including alcoholics, murderers and Another local was so terrified of Ball that he packed up sadists, homosexuals (considered criminally deviant at his family one night and fled the state, without a word the time) and Satanists.

of explanation.

Though physically beautiful, Erzsebet was clearly the In September 1937, worried relatives reported Min-product of polluted genetics and a twisted upbringing.

nie Gotthardt’s disappearance to authorities in Elmen-Throughout her life, she was subject to blinding dorf. The missing 22-year-old had been employed with headaches and fainting seizures—probably epileptic in Ball before she dropped from sight, but under question-nature—which superstitious family members diagnosed ing the tavern keeper said that she had left to take as demonic possession. Raised on the Báthory estate at another job. Police were satisfied, until another wait-the foot of the brooding Carpathian Mountains, Erzse-ress—Julia Turner—was reported missing by her family.

bet was introduced to devil worship in adolescence by Ball’s answer was the same, but this time there were one of her Satanist uncles. Her favorite aunt, one of problems with his story, since the girl had left her Hungary’s most notorious lesbians, taught Erzsebet the clothes behind. Joe saved himself by suddenly remem-pleasures of flagellation and other perversions, but bering an argument with Julia’s roommate; Turner had young Erzsebet always believed that where pain was been anxious to get out, he said, and Ball had given her concerned, it was better to give than to receive.

$500 for the road.

When Erzsebet was barely 11, her parents contracted Within a few short months, two other women joined her future marriage to Count Ferencz Nadasdy, an aris-the missing list; one of them, Hazel Brown, had opened tocratic warrior. Their wedding was postponed until up a bank account two days before she disappeared, Erzsebet turned 15, finally solemnized on May 5, 1575.

then “left” without retrieving any of the cash. Texas The bride retained her maiden name as a sign that her Rangers entered the case, compiling a roster of Ball’s family possessed greater status than Nadasdy’s clan.

known employees over the past few years. Many were The newlyweds settled at Csejthe Castle, in north-found alive, but at least a dozen were permanently western Hungary, but Count Nadasdy also maintained missing, along with Joe’s second and third wives. Ball other palatial homes around the country, each complete stood up well under questioning, but his elderly handy-with a dungeon and torture chamber specially designed man cracked, reporting that he had helped Ball dispose to meet Erzsebet’s needs. Nadasdy was frequently **14**

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nipples of her victims, sometimes ramming needles beneath their fingernails. “The little slut!” she would sneer, as her captive writhed in pain. “If it hurts, she’s only got to take them out herself.” Erzsebet also enjoyed biting her victims on the cheeks, breasts, and elsewhere, drawing blood with her teeth. Other captives were stripped, smeared with honey, and exposed to the attacks of ants and bees.

Count Nadasdy reportedly joined Erzsebet in some of the torture sessions, but over time he came to fear his wife, spending more and more

time on the road or in the arms of his mistress. When he finally died in 1600

or 1604 (accounts vary), Erzsebet lost all restraint, devoting herself full time to the torment and sexual degradation of younger women. In short order, she broadened her scope from the family staff to include nubile strangers. Trusted employees scoured the countryside for fresh prey, luring peasant girls with offers of employment, resorting to drugs or brute force as pervasive rumors thinned the ranks of willing recruits. None who entered Erzsebet's service ever escaped alive, but peasants had few legal rights in those days, and a noble-woman was not faulted by her peers if "discipline"

around the house got out of hand.

By her early forties, Erzsebet Báthory presided over a miniature holocaust of her own design. Abetted by her Erzsebet Báthory (Author's collection)

aging nurse, Ilona Joo, and procuress Doratta Szentes—

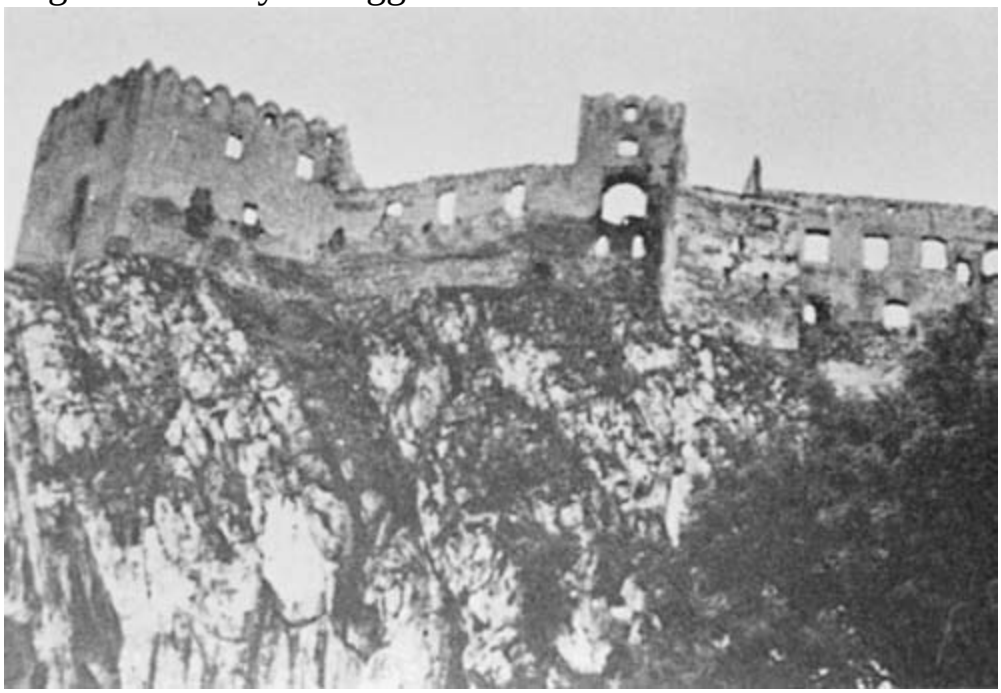
aka "Dorka"—Erzsebet ravaged the countryside, claiming peasant victims at will. She carried special silver pincers, designed for ripping flesh, but she was also absent for weeks or months at a time, leaving his bride comfortable with pins and needles, branding irons and alone and bored, to find her own diversions. Erzsebet red-hot pokers, whips and scissors . . . almost anything dabbled in alchemy, indulged her sexual quirks with at all. Household accomplices would strip her victims, men and women alike, changed clothes and jewelry five holding them down while Erzsebet tore their breasts to or six times a day, and admired herself in full-length shreds or burned their vaginas with a candle flame, mirrors by the hour. Above all else, when she was sometimes biting great chunks of flesh from their faces angry, tense, or simply bored, the countess tortured ser-and bodies. One victim was forced to cook and eat a vant girls for sport.

strip of her own flesh, while others were doused with One major source of irritation in the early years of cold water and left to freeze in the snow. Sometimes, marriage was Erzsebet's mother-in-law. Eager for Erzsebet would jerk a victim's mouth open with such grandchildren, Nadasdy's mother nagged Erzsebet force that the cheeks ripped apart. On other occasions, incessantly over her failure to conceive. Erzsebet would servants handled the dirty work, while Erzsebet paced finally bear children after a decade of marriage, but she the sidelines, shouting, "More! More still! Harder felt no maternal urges in her late teens and early twen-still!" until

overwhelmed with excitement, she fainted ties. Young women on her household staff soon came to into unconsciousness on the floor.

dread the visits of Nadasdy’s mother, knowing that One special “toy” of Erzsebet’s was a cylindrical another round of brutal assaults would inevitably fol-cage, constructed with long spikes inside. A naked girl low the old lady’s departure.

was forced into the cage, then hoisted several feet off Where torture was concerned, the bisexual countess the floor by means of a pulley. Erzsebet or one of her possessed a ferocious imagination. Some of her tricks servants would circle the cage with a red-hot poker, jab-were learned in childhood, and others were picked up bing at the girl and forcing her against the sharp spikes from Nadasdy’s experience battling the Turks, but she as she tried to escape. Whether she cast herself in the also contrived techniques of her own. Pins and needles role of an observer or active participant, Erzsebet was were favorite tricks of the trade, piercing the lips and always good for a running commentary of suggestions **15**



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and sick “jokes,” lapsing into crude obscenities and guard, but conviction on all counts was a foregone con-incoherent babble as the night wore on.

clusion. The “bloody countess” had run out of time.

Disposal of her lifeless victims was a relatively simple Erzsebet's servant-accomplices were executed, Dorka matter in the Middle Ages. Some were buried, others and Ilona Joo after public torture, but the countess was were left to rot around the castle, while a few were spared, sentenced to life imprisonment in a small suite dumped outside to feed the local wolves and other of rooms at Csejthe Castle. The doors and windows of predators. If a dismembered corpse was found from her apartment were bricked over, leaving only slits for time to time, the countess had no fear of prosecution. In ventilation and the passing of food trays. There, she that place and time, royal blood was the ultimate pro-lived in isolation for three and a half years, until she tection. It also helped that one of Erzsebet's cousins was was found dead on August 21, 1614. The exact date of the Hungarian prime minister and, another served as Erzsebet's death is unknown, since several meals had governor of the province where she lived.

gone untouched before her corpse was found.

Erzsebet finally overplayed her hand in 1609, shift-Bizarre as it is, the Báthory legend has grown in the ing from hapless peasants to the daughters of lesser telling, most recent accounts incorporating tales of nobility, opening Csejthe Castle to offer 25 hand-picked vampirism and ritualistic blood baths supposed to help ingenues "instruction in the social graces." This time, Erzsebet "stay young." Erzsebet's sanguinary fetish is when none of her victims survived, complaints reached usually linked to the spilling of some unnamed servant the ears of King Matthias, whose father had attended girl's blood, with the countess accidentally spattered, Erzsebet's wedding. The king, in turn, assigned Erzse-afterward impressed that her skin seemed more pale bet's closest neighbor, Count Gyorgy Thurzo, to investi-and translucent than usual—traits considered beautiful gate the case. On December 26, 1610, Thurzo staged a in those days, before discovery of the "California tan."

late-night raid on Csejthe Castle and caught the countIn fact, extensive testimony at Erzsebet's trial made no ess red-handed, with an orgiastic torture session in mention of literal blood baths. Some victims *were* progress.

drained of blood from savage wounds or by design, but A half-dozen of Erzsebet's accomplices were held for deliberate exsanguination was linked to Erzsebet's prac-trial; the countess was kept under house arrest while tice

of alchemy and black magic, rather than any design parliament cranked out a special statute to strip her of for a warm bath. In any case, Erzsebet's murder spree immunity from prosecution. The resultant trial opened began when she was in her teens or twenties, long in January 1611 and lasted through late February, with before the threat of aging ever crossed her mind.

Chief Justice Theodosius Syrmiensis presiding over a panel of 20 lesser jurists. Eighty counts of murder were alleged in court, though most historical accounts place **BERKOWITZ, David Richard**

Erzsebet's final body count somewhere between 300

New Yorkers are accustomed to reports of violent death and 650 victims. Erzsebet herself was excused from in every form, from the mundane to the bizarre. They attending the trial, held in her apartment under heavy take it all in stride, accepting civic carnage as a price of living in the largest, richest city in America. But residents were unprepared for the commencement of an all-out reign of terror in July 1976. For 13 months, New York would be a city under siege, its female citizens afraid to venture out by night while an apparent homicidal maniac was waiting, seeking prey.

The terror came with darkness on July 29, 1976. Two young women, Donna Lauria and Jody Valenti, had parked their car on Buhre Avenue in Queens, remaining in the vehicle and passing time in conversation. If they saw the solitary male pedestrian at all, they didn't take note of him. In any case, they never saw the pistol that he raised to pump five shots through the windshield.

Donna Lauria was killed immediately; her companion survived and got off "easy," with a bullet in one thigh.

The shooting was a tragic incident, but in itself was not unusual for New York City. There was scattered One of Báthory's several castles, where hundreds of girls sympathy but no alarm among the residents of New were tortured or killed (Author's collection)

York's urban combat zone . . . until the next attack.

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On October 23, Carl Denaro and Rosemary Keenan parked outside a bar in Flushing, Queens. Again, the gunman went unnoticed as he crouched to fire a single bullet through the car's rear window. Wounded, Carl Denaro survived. A .44-caliber bullet was found on the floor of the car, and detectives matched it to slugs from the Lauria murder.

Just over one month later, on November 26, Donna DeMasi and Joanne Lomino were sitting together on the stoop of a house in the Floral Park section of Queens. A man approached them from the sidewalk, asking for

directions, but before he could complete the question he had drawn a pistol, blasting at the startled women. Both were wounded, Joanne paralyzed forever with a bullet in her spine.

Again the slugs were readily identified, and now detectives knew they had a random killer on their hands. The gunman seemed to favor girls with long, dark hair, and there was speculation that the shooting of Denaro in October may have been an “accident.”

The young man’s hair was shoulder length; a gunman closing on him from behind might have mistaken Carl Denaro for a woman in the darkness.

Christmas season passed without another shooting, but the gunman had not given up his hunt. On January 30, 1977, John Diel and Christine Freund were parked and necking in the Ridgewood section of New York, David Berkowitz (Wide World API)

when bullets hammered out their windshield. Freund was killed on impact, while her date was physically unscathed.

Virginia Voskerichian, an Armenian exchange stu-hunting “tasty meat,” compelling him to kill. There dent, was walking toward her home in Forest Hills on would be other letters from the gunman, some

March 8, when a man approached and shot her in the addressed to newsman Jimmy Breslin, hinting at more face, killing her instantly. Detectives noted that she had crimes to come and fueling the hysteria that had already been slain within 300 yards of the January murder scene.

gripped New York. The writer was apparently irra-On April 17, Alexander Esau and his date, Valentina tional but no less dangerous for that, and homicide Suriani, were parked in the Bronx, a few blocks from investigators had no clue to his identity.

the site of the Lauria-Valenti shooting. Caught up in On June 26, Salvatore Lupo and girlfriend Judy each other, they may not have seen the gunman coming; Placido were parked in Bayside, Queens, when four certainly they had no time to dodge the fusillade of bul-shots pierced the windshield of their car. Both were lets that killed them both immediately, fired from point-wounded; both survived.

blank range.

On July 31, Robert Violante and Stacy Moskowitz Detectives found a crudely printed letter in the mid-parked near the Brooklyn shore. The killer found them dle of the street, near Esau’s car. Addressed to the cap-there and squeezed off four shots at their huddled sil-tain in charge of New York’s

hottest manhunt, the note houettes, striking both young people in the head. Stacy contained a chilling message.

died instantly; her date survived, but damage from his wounds left Violante blind for life.

I am deeply hurt by your calling me a weman–hater It was the last attack, but homicide detectives didn't

[sic]. *I am not. But I am a monster. I am the Son of* know that yet. A woman walking near the final murder *Sam. . . . I love to hunt. Prowling the streets looking for* scene recalled two traffic officers writing a ticket for a *fair game—tasty meat. The weman* [sic] *of Queens are* car parked close to a hydrant; moments later, she had *the prettyest* [sic] *of all. . . .*

seen a man approach the car, climb in, and pull away with squealing tires. A check of parking ticket records The note described "Sam" as a drunken brute who traced an old Ford Galaxy belonging to one David beat the members of his family and sent his son out Berkowitz, of Pine Street, Yonkers. Staking out the **17**

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address, officers discovered that the car was parked out-the killer cult that specialized in skinning dogs alive and side; a semiautomatic rifle lay in plain view on the seat, gunning victims down on darkened streets. One sus-together with a note written in the "Son of Sam's" dispect, John Charles Carr, was said to be the same "John tinctive, awkward style. When Berkowitz emerged from Wheaties" mentioned in a letter penned by Berkowitz, his apartment, he was instantly arrested and confessed containing other clues that point to cult involvement in his role in New York's reign of terror.

the random murders. Calling themselves "The Chil-The story told by Berkowitz seemed tailor-made dren," the cultists operated from a base in Untermeyer for an INSANITY DEFENSE in court. The "Sam"

Park, where mutilated dogs were found from time to referred to in his letters was a neighbor, one Sam Carr, time. Cult members represented the "Twenty-Two Dis-whose Labrador retriever was allegedly possessed by ciples of Hell" mentioned in another "Son of Sam" let-ancient demons, beaming out commands for Berkoter. Suspect John Carr fled New York in February 1979

witz to kill and kill again. On one occasion he had and "committed suicide" under mysterious circum-tried to kill the dog, but it was useless;

demons stances in Minot, North Dakota, two days later.

spoiled his aim, and when the dog recovered from its Brother Michael Carr died in a single-car crash in Octo-wounds, the nightly torment had redoubled in intenber 1979, and New York authorities reopened the sity. A number of psychiatrists described the suspect

“Sam” case after his death.

as a paranoid schizophrenic, suffering from delusions Newsman Maury Terry, after six years on the case, and therefore incompetent to stand trial. The lone believes there were at least five different gunmen in the exception was Dr. David Abrahamson, who found

“Son of Sam” attacks, including Berkowitz, John Carr, that Berkowitz was sane and capable of understand-and several suspects—one a woman—who have yet to ing that his actions had been criminal. The court be indicted. Terry also notes that six of the seven shoot-agreed with Abrahamson and ordered Berkowitz to ings fell in close proximity to recognized occult holi-trial. The gunman soon pled guilty and was sentenced days, the March 8 Voskerichian attack emerging as the to 365 years in prison.

sole exception to the pattern. In the journalist’s opinion, Ironically, Berkowitz seemed grateful to Dr. Abraham-Berkowitz was chosen as a scapegoat by the other son for his sanity ruling and later agreed to a series of cultists, who then defaced his apartment with weird interviews that Abrahamson published in his book *Con-graffiti, whipping up a bogus “arson ledger”—which fessions of Son of Sam (1985). The interviews revealed includes peculiar, out-of-order entries—to support a that Berkowitz had tried to kill two women during 1975, plea of innocent by reason of insanity.*

attacking them with knives, but he turned squeamish Berkowitz himself confirmed the occult connection when they screamed and tried to fight him off. (“I didn’t in conversations with fellow inmates and letters mailed want to hurt them,” he explained, confused. “I only from prison. One such, posted in October 1979, reads: wanted to kill them.”) A virgin at the time of his arrest, Berkowitz was prone to fabricate elaborate lies about his I really don’t know how to begin this letter, but at one bedroom prowess, all the while intent upon revenge time I was a member of an occult group. Being sworn against the women who habitually rejected him. When to secrecy or face death I cannot reveal the name of the not engaged in stalking female

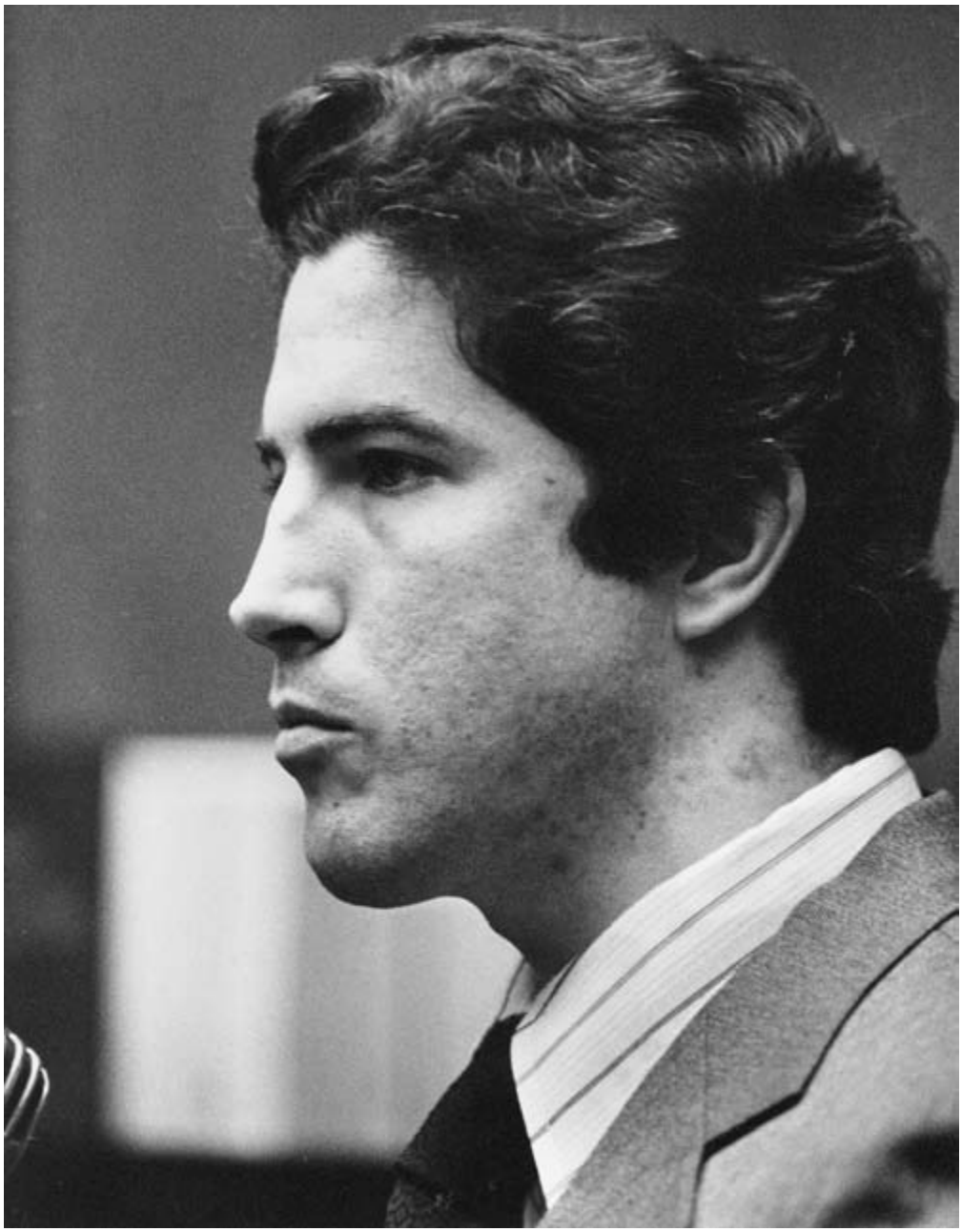
victims, Berkowitz report-group, nor do I wish to. This group contained a mix-edly was an accomplished arsonist: a secret journal listed ture of satanic practices which included the teachings of details of 300 fires for which he was allegedly responsible Aleister Crowley and Eliphaz [sic] Levi. It was (still is) around New York. In his conclusion, Dr. Abrahamson totally blood oriented and I am certain you know just described his subject as a homicidal exhibitionist who what I mean. The Coven's doctrine are a blend of meant his crimes to be a public spectacle and harbored Druidism, the teachings of the Secret Order of the fantasies of "dying for a cause."

Golden Dawn, Black Magick and a host of other There is another side of David Berkowitz, however, unlawful and obnoxious practices.

and it surfaced shortly after his arrest, with allegations As I said, I have no interest in revealing the Coven, of his membership in a satanic cult. In letters mailed especially because I have almost met sudden death on from prison, Berkowitz described participation in a several occasions (once by half an inch) and several oth-New York cult affiliated with the lethal "Four P Move-ers have already perished under mysterious circum-ment," based in California. He revealed persuasive stances. These people will stop at nothing, including inside knowledge of a California homicide, unsolved murder. They have no fear of man-made laws or the since 1974, and wrote that "There are other Sams out Ten Commandments.

there—God help the world."

According to the story told by Berkowitz in prison, The latest near-death experience for Berkowitz had two of neighbor Sam Carr's sons were also members of been a July 10 prison assault that left his throat slashed, ***18***



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requiring fifty-six stitches to close the wound. Less talk-tain that police suspected him of involvement in ative following his narrow escape, Berkowitz still Rochester's brutal "alphabet murders," though in truth, agreed to a January 1982 meeting with attorney Harry it took six more years before detective realized his car Lipsig. In that conversation, he referred to the killer cult resembled one reported near the scene of one "alpha-as follows:

bet" slaying.

Meanwhile, in January 1976, Bianchi pulled up

Q: You had some connection with the Church of Scien-stakes and moved to Los Angeles, there teaming up tology, did you not?

with his adoptive cousin, Angelo Buono, in an amateur A: It wasn't exactly that. But I can't go into it. I really white-slave racket. Born at Rochester in October 1934, can't.

Buono was a child of divorce, transported across coun-Q: Were you connected in any way or an adherent or try by his mother at age five. By 14, he was stealing cars convert of the Church of Scientology?

and displaying a precocious obsession with sodomy.

A: No, not that way. It was an offshoot, fringe-type thing.

Sentenced for auto theft in 1950, he escaped from the Q: Were John and Michael [Carr] with the Church of California Youth Authority and was recaptured in Scientology?

December 1951. As a young man, Buono idolized con-A: Well, not really that church. But something along demned sex offender Caryl Chessman, and in later that line. A very devious group.

years he would emulate the so-called red-light rapist's Q: Did this devious group have a name?

method of procuring victims. In the meantime, though, A: I can't disclose it.

he fathered several children, viciously abusing various Q: Roughly, how large would you say its membership wives and girlfriends in the process. Somehow, in defi-was?

ance of his violent temperament and almost simian *A: Twenty.*

appearance, he attracted scores of women, dazzling *Q: Were they all residents of the New York metropoli-cousin Kenneth with his "harem" and his method of tan area?*

recruiting prostitutes through rape and torture.

A: No.

Q: Were they spread across the nation?

A: Yes.

Q: Did they meet on occasion?

A: Yes, but I really can't say more without counsel.

As Maury Terry noted, both the satanic Process Church of Final Judgment and its spin-off successor, the "Four P" cult, were "offshoot, fringe-type" movements spawned by Scientology. Both groups were also

linked to the Charles MANSON FAMILY in California—as was convicted killer William Mentzer, named by Berkowitz in prison interviews as the triggerman in the January 1977

shooting of John Diel and Christine Freund. Investigation of the alleged cult continues, supported by testimony from convicted cannibal-killer Stanley Dean Baker, but no further indictments have been filed to date.

See also CULTS

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Born in May 1951 to a prostitute mother in Rochester, New York, Ken Bianchi was given up for adoption as an infant. By age 11, he was falling behind in his schoolwork and was given to furious tantrums in class and at home. He married briefly at 18. Two years later he wrote to a girlfriend, claiming he had killed a local man. She laughed it off, dismissing the claim as part of Ken's incessant macho posturing, but homicide was clearly preying on Bianchi's mind. By 1973, he was cer-Kenneth Bianchi (Wide World API)

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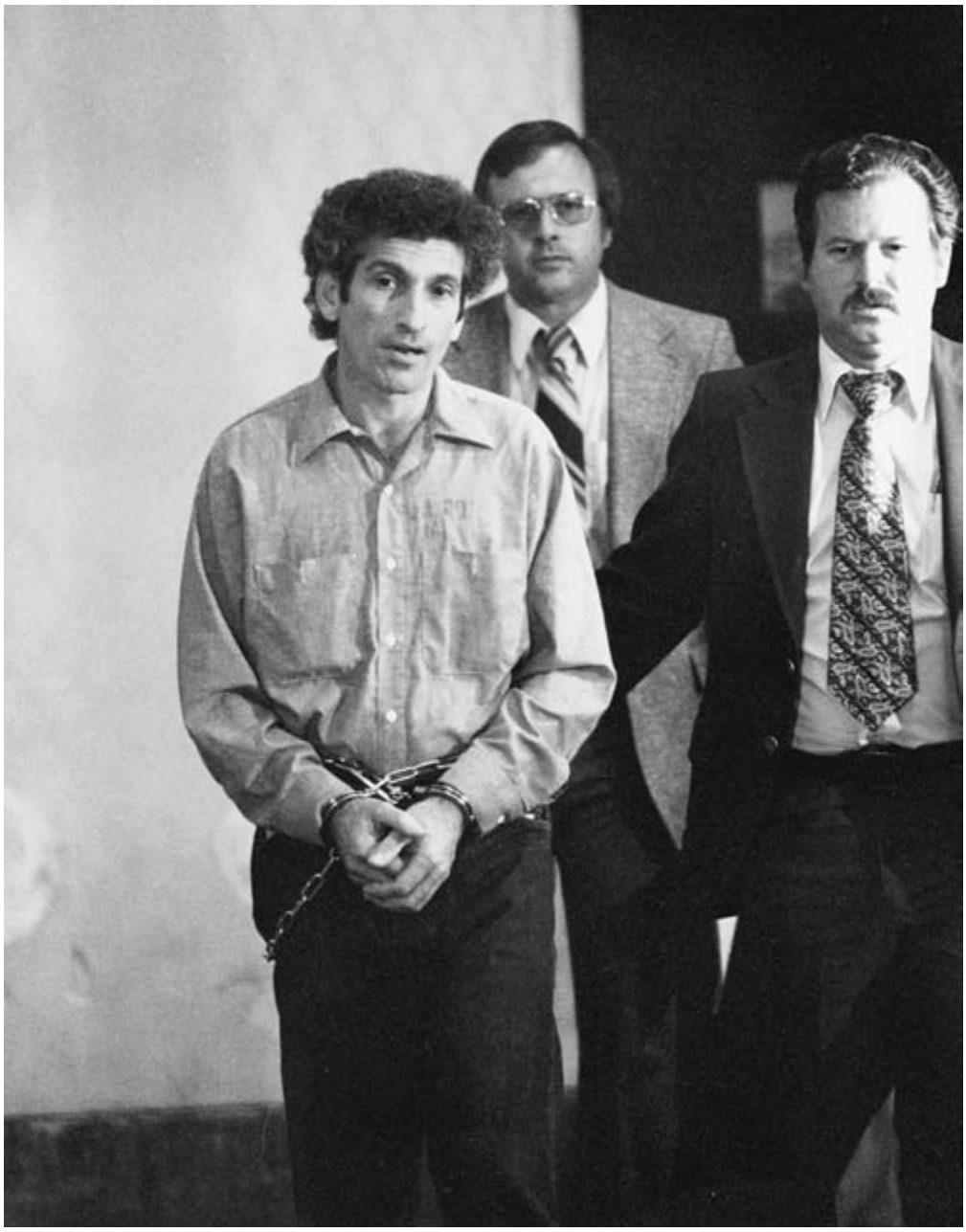

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Two of Buono's favorite hookers managed to escape his clutches during 1977, and Bianchi later marked their departure as the starting point for L.A.'s reign of terror at the hands of Bianchi and Buono. In precisely two months' time, the so-called Hillside Stranglers would abduct and slay 10 women, frequently abandon-ing their victims' naked bodies in a grim display, as if to taunt authorities.

Rejected for employment by the Glendale and Los Angeles police departments, longing for a chance to throw his weight around and show

some "real authority," Bianchi fell in line with Buono's suggestion that they should impersonate policemen, stopping female motorists or nabbing prostitutes according to their whim. Along the way, they would subject their captives to an ordeal of torture, sexual assault, and brutality, inevitably ending with a twist of the garrote.

Yolanda Washington, a 19-year-old hooker, was the first to die, murdered on October 17, her nude body discovered the next day, near Universal City. Two weeks later, on Halloween, police retrieved the corpse of 15-year-old Judith Miller from a flower bed in La Crescenta. Elissa Kastin, a 21-year-old Hollywood waitress, was abducted and slain November 5, her body discovered the next morning on a highway embank-ment in Glendale. On November 8, Jane King, aspiring actress and model, was kidnapped, raped, and suffo-Angelo Buono led from court in handcuffs (Wide World API) cated, her body dumped on an off-ramp of the Golden State Freeway, undiscovered until November 22.

By that time, female residents of Los Angeles were Karen Mandic were raped and murdered in Bellingham, living a nightmare. No less than three victims had been last seen alive when they went to check out a potential discovered on November 20, including 20-year-old house-sitting job. Bianchi had been their contact, and honor student Kristina Wechler, dumped in Highland inconsistent statements led police to hold him for further Park, and two classmates from junior high school, investigation. A search of his home turned up items Sonja Johnson and Dolores Cepeda, discovered in stolen from sites he was paid to guard, and further evi-Elysian Park a week after their disappearance from a dence finally linked him to the Bellingham murders. Col-local bus stop. Retrieval of Jane King's body increased laboration with L.A. authorities led to Bianchi's the anxiety, and Thanksgiving week climaxed with the indictment in five of the Hillside murders in June 1979.

death of Lauren Wagner, an 18-year-old student, found In custody, Bianchi first denied everything, then in the Glendale hills on November 29.

feigned submission to hypnosis, manufacturing multiple By that time, police knew they were looking for dual personalities in his bid to support an insanity defense.

suspects, based on the testimony of eyewitness includ-Psychiatrists saw through the ruse, and after his indicting one prospective victim—the

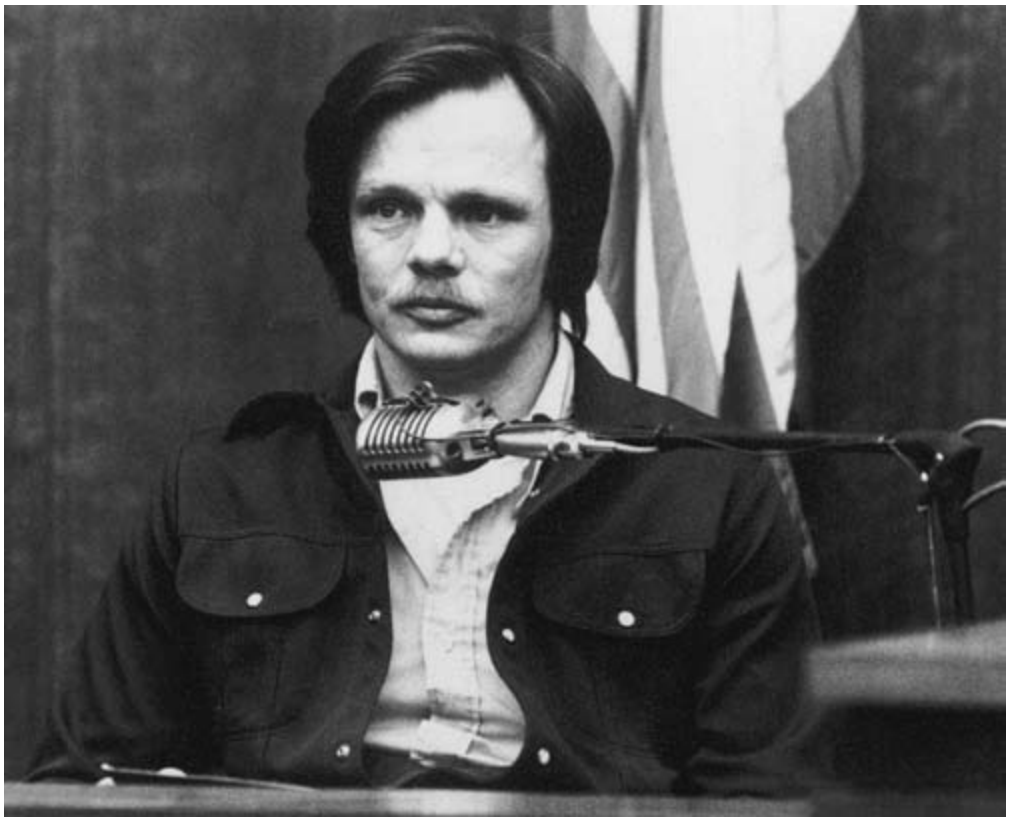
daughter of screen star ment in Los Angeles, Ken agreed to testify against his Peter Lorre—who had managed to avoid the stranglers'

cousin. His guilty plea to five new counts of homicide clutches. On December 9, prostitute Kimberly Martin was followed by Buono's arrest in October 1979, and answered her last out-call in Glendale, turning up nude Angelo was charged with 10 counts of first-degree mur-and dead on an Echo Park hillside next morning. The der. A 10-month preliminary hearing climaxed in March last to die, at least in California, was Cindy Hudspeth, 1981, with Angelo ordered to stand trial on all counts.

found in the trunk of her car after it was pushed over a Bianchi, meanwhile, was desperately seeking some cliff in the Angeles National Forest.

way to save himself. In June 1980, he received a letter Bianchi sensed that it was time for a change of scene.

from Veronica Lynn Compton, a 23-year-old poet, Moving to Bellingham, Washington, he found work as a playwright, and aspiring actress, who sought Ken's security guard, flirting once more with the police work opinion of her new play (dealing with a female serial he craved. On January 11, 1979, Diane Wilder and killer). Correspondence and conversations revealed her ***20***



BITTAKER, Lawrence Sigmund, and NORRIS, Roy Lewis obsession with murder, mutilation, and necrophilia, October 31 and found the next morning in a Tijunga encouraging Bianchi to suggest a bizarre defense strat-residential neighborhood. Strangled with a wire coat egy. Without a second thought, Veronica agreed to visit hanger, she had first been subjected to "sadistic and Bellingham, strangle a woman there, and deposit speci-barbaric abuse," her breasts and face mutilated, arms mens of Bianchi's sperm at the scene, thus leading slashed, her body covered with bruises.

police to believe the "real killer" was still at large.

Detectives got their break on November 20, when On September 16, 1980, Compton visited Bianchi in Bittaker and Norris were arrested on charges stemming prison, receiving a book with part of a rubber glove from a September 30 assault in Hermosa Beach.

inside, containing his semen. Flying north to Belling-According to reports, their female victim had been ham, she picked out a female victim at random but bun-sprayed with Mace, abducted in a silver van, and raped gled the murder attempt. Arrested in California on before she managed to escape. The woman ultimately October 3, Compton was convicted in

Washington dur-failed to make a positive ID on Bittaker and Norris, but ing 1981 and received a life sentence. She published a arresting officers discovered drugs in their possession, memoir (Eating the Ashes) from prison in 2002.

holding both in jail for violation of parole.

As Buono's trial date approached, Bianchi issued a Roy Norris started showing signs of strain in cus-series of contradictory statements, leading prosecutors tody. At a preliminary hearing in Hermosa Beach, he to seek dismissal of all charges in July 1981. A coura-offered an apology "for my insanity," and he was soon geous judge, Ronald George, refused to postpone the regaling officers with tales of murder. According to his trial, which ultimately ran from November 1981 to statements, girls had been approached at random, pho-November 1983. Convicted on nine counts of murder—

tographed by Bittaker, and offered rides, free mari-oddly excluding Yolanda Washington's—Buono was juana, jobs in modeling. Most turned the offers down, sentenced to nine terms of life imprisonment without but others were abducted forcibly, the van's radio parole. His cousin was returned to Washington State for drowning out their screams as they were driven to a completion of two corresponding life terms in the remote mountain fire road for sessions of rape and tor-Bellingham case. Buono died at Calipatria State Prison, ture. Tape recordings of Jacqueline Lamp's final in California's Imperial County, on September 21, 2002.

moments were recovered from Bittaker's van, and detectives counted 500 photos of smiling young women among the suspects' effects.

BITTAKER, Lawrence Sigmund, and NORRIS,

On February 9, 1980, Norris led deputies to shallow ***Roy Lewis***

graves in San Dimas Canyon and the San Gabriel Lawrence Bittaker was serving time for assault with a Mountains, where skeletal remains of Lamp and Jackie deadly weapon in 1978, when he met Roy Norris at the Gilliam were recovered. An ice pick still protruded from California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo. A con-Gilliam's skull, and the remains bore other marks of victed rapist, Norris recognized a soul mate in Bittaker, and they soon became inseparable. While still confined, they hatched a grisly plot to kidnap, rape, and murder teenage girls "for fun," as soon as they were freed. If all went well, they planned to kill at least one girl from each "teen" age—13 through 19—while recording the events on tape and film.

Paroled on November 15, 1978, Bittaker began

making preparations for the crime spree, obtaining a van that he dubbed "Murder Mack." Norris was

released on June 15, 1979, after a period of observation at Atascadero State Hospital, and he hurried to Bittaker's side, anxious to implement their plan.

Nine days later, on June 24, 16-year-old Linda Schaeffer vanished following a church service, never to be seen again. Joy Hall, 18, disappeared without a trace in Redondo Beach on July 8. Two months later, on September 2, 13-year-old Jacqueline Lamp and 15-year-old Jackie Gilliam were lost while thumbing rides in Redondo Beach. Shirley Ledford, 16, of Sunland, was Lawrence ("Pliers") Bittaker takes the stand at his murder the only victim recovered by authorities, abducted on trial. (Wide World API)

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“BLACK Widows”

cruel mistreatment. Charging the prisoners with five counts of murder, Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter Pitchess announced that Bittaker and Norris might be linked to the disappearance of 30 or 40 more victims.

By February 20, the stack of confiscated photographs had yielded 19 missing girls, but none were ever traced, and Norris had apparently

exhausted his desire to talk.

On March 18, Norris pled guilty on five counts of murder, turning state's evidence against his confederate.

In return for his cooperation, he received a sentence of 45 years to life, with parole possible in the year 2010.

Bittaker, meanwhile—nicknamed "Pliers," for his favorite instrument of torture—denied everything. At his trial, on February 5, 1981, he testified that Roy Norris first informed him of the murders after their arrest in 1979. A jury chose not to believe him, returning a guilty verdict on February 17. On March 24, in accordance with the jury's recommendation, Bittaker was sentenced to die. The judge also imposed an alternate sentence of 199 years and four months in prison, to take effect in the event that Bittaker's death sentence is ever commuted on appeal.

"BLACK Widows": *Female serial-killer type Borrowed from the venomous spider that devours its mate after sex, this label is applied in criminology to female murderers who prey on their own husbands, relatives, or lovers. Monetary gain, through life insurance or inheritance, is frequently a motive in such Louise Peete was a classic black widow, motivated by crimes, although it may not be the only motive.*

profit. (Author's collection)

NANNY

DOSS, according to her own confession, killed successive husbands in search of true romance, as she had seen that state of bliss portrayed in women's maga-dismembered her victims, while Velma Barfield set one zines. When mothers kill their children—most particu-of her husbands on fire as he slept. In Texas, Betty Beets larly when the victims' lives are not insured—there is preferred to make her husbands disappear entirely, clearly some psychological motive for the crimes.

waiting for a legal declaration of death to free up life South African Daisy De Melker murdered her stepchil-insurance benefits.

dren in a misguided effort to gain more attention from Black widows, finally, for all the ink and paper her husband. Other maternal child killers, like MARY-spent describing their murders as "quiet" and "gen-BETH TINNING, apparently suffer from MUNCHAUSEN'S

tle," rank among the most cold-blooded killers on SYNDROME BY PROXY—essentially a pathological crav-record. The very calculation of

their crimes may help ing for the attention and sympathy they receive during explain why three of the four women executed in tragic times.

America since 1976 are ranked in this category. Others Like their web-spinning namesake, black widows are presently sentenced to death in North Carolina frequently use poison to dispatch their mates and par-and Texas.

ents, siblings, and assorted other relatives. Where chil-See also "BLUEBEARD" KILLERS; MODUS OPERANDI; dren are concerned, asphyxiation is a killing method MOTIVES; WEAPONS

favored by the "gentle" sex. Of course, there are exceptions to the rule. Gunshot wounds defy classification as death from natural causes, but a shooting may be

"BLUEBEARD" Killers: Male serial-killer type staged to look like suicide or accidental death, a tactic A generic term for any man who murders a series of favored by Barbara Stager in North Carolina. Burly wives or fiancées, this subgroup of serial murder ironi-BELLE GUNNESS not only bludgeoned, but sometimes cally derives its popular nickname from a 15th-century

BOLBER-PETRILLO-FAVATO Murder Ring

slayer of children. French nobleman GILLES DE RAIS was rule out any sexual or psychological motive in such the original “Bluebeard,” so called after the blue-black cases, however. Prolific Bluebeard Harry Powers told color of his facial hair, but any link between this kind of authorities in West Virginia that watching victims die in murder and sadistic pedophilia has long since been lost.

his homemade gas chamber “beat any cat house I was Years after Gilles was executed, a popular folk tale ever in.” Another American Bluebeard who murdered at hung the nickname on the fictional Chevalier Raoul, least seven wives, James Watson, was discovered on whose seventh wife found the corpses of her six mur-arrest to be a hermaphrodite (possessing both male and dered predecessors in a room her husband forbade her female genitalia). We can only imagine what impact the to enter.

deformity had on his numerous wedding nights, but it Most real-life Bluebeards, in the mold of JOHANN

surely distorted his outlook on women and sex.

HOCH and HENRI LANDRU, woo and slay their female vic-See also “BLACK WIDOWS”; MOTIVES

tims in pursuit of some material reward, such as inheritance or life insurance. Frequently, they practice bigamy and fraud, along with other mercenary crimes, before **BOLBER-PETRILLO-FAVATO Murder Ring**

they ultimately find the nerve to kill. It would be rash to America’s most prolific team of killers-for-profit were active in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the 1930s, claiming an estimated 30 to 50 victims before the ring’s various members were apprehended. Students of the case, in retrospect, are prone to cite the gang’s activities as evidence that modern homicide statistics may be woefully inaccurate. If 20,000 murders are reported in a given year, they say, it is entirely possible that 20,000

more go unreported, overlooked by the authorities.

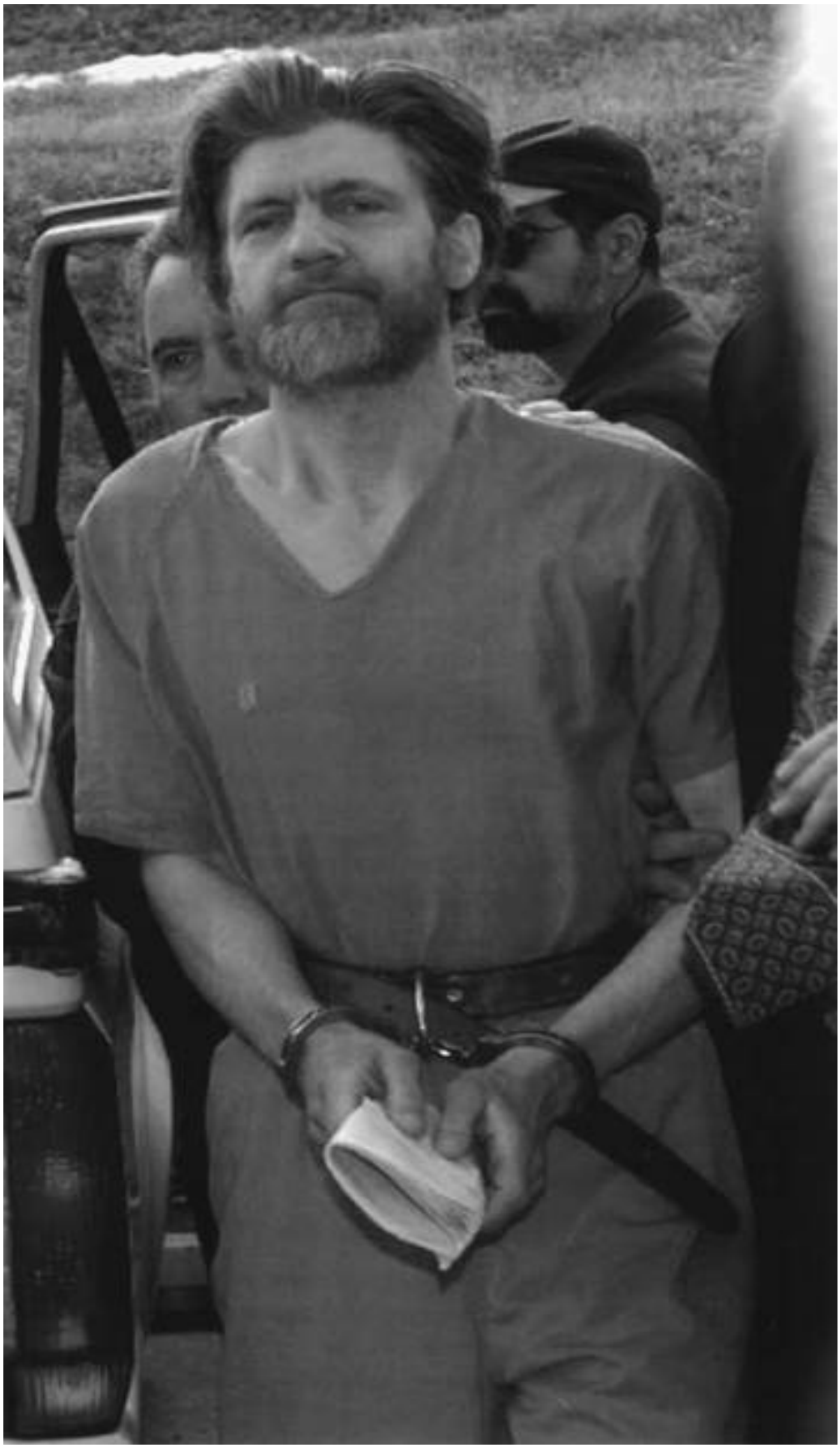
The basic murder method was conceived in 1932, by Dr. Morris Bolber and his good friend, Paul Petrillo.

After one of Bolber’s female patients aired complaints about her husband’s infidelity, the doctor and Petrillo planned for Paul to woo the lonely lady, gaining her cooperation in a plan to kill her wayward spouse and split $10,000 in insurance benefits. The victim, Anthony Giscobbe, was a heavy drinker, and it proved a simple matter for his wife to strip him as he

lay unconscious, leaving him beside an open window in the dead of winter while he caught his death of cold. The grieving widow split her cash with Bolber and Petrillo, whereupon her “lover” promptly went in search of other restless, greedy wives.

It soon became apparent that Italian husbands, caught up in the middle of the Great Depression, carried little life insurance on themselves. Petrillo called upon his cousin Herman, an accomplished local actor, to impersonate potential victims and apply for heavy policies. Once several payments had been made, the husbands were eliminated swiftly and efficiently through “accidents” or “natural causes.” Dr. Bolber’s favorite methods included poison and blows to the head with a sandbag, producing cerebral hemorrhage, but methods were varied to fit circumstances. One victim, a roofer named Lorenzo, was hurled to his death from an eight-story building, the Petrillo cousins first handing him some French postcards to explain his careless distraction.

After roughly a dozen murders, the gang recruited Gilles de Rais, the original “Bluebeard” (Author’s collection) local faith healer Carino Favato, known as the Witch in **23**



her home neighborhood. Favato had dispatched three of her own husbands before going into business full-time as a “marriage consultant,” poisoning unwanted husbands for a fee. Impressed by Dr. Bolber’s explanation of the life insurance scam, Favato came on board and brought the gang a list of her prospective clients. By the latter part of 1937, Bolber’s ring had polished off an estimated 50 victims, at least 30 of whom were fairly well documented by subsequent investigation.

The roof fell in when an ex-convict approached Herman Petrillo, pushing a new get-rich scheme.

Unimpressed, Petrillo countered with a pitch for his acquaintance to secure potential murder victims, and the felon panicked, running to police. As members of the gang were rounded up, they “squealed” on one another in the hope of finding leniency, their clients chiming in as ripples spread throughout a stunned community. While several wives were sent to prison, most escaped by testifying for the state. The two Petrillos were condemned and put to death, while Dr.

Bolber and Carino Favato each drew terms of life imprisonment.

BOMBING and Serial Murder

A favorite tool of terrorists since the mid-19th century, bombs are built and detonated for all the same reasons that people set fires. On an individual basis, serial bombing is less common than serial ARSON, but several striking cases have been logged in modern times. “Mad Bomber” George Metesky operated in New York through the late 1940s and early 1950s, nursing an explosive grudge against the corporation (and one-time employer) he blamed for infecting him with tuberculosis. More recently, “Unabomber”

Theodore Kaczynski—once dubbed the “scariest

criminal in America” by *Playboy* magazine—detonated 16 bombs in eight states between May 1978

and April 1995, killing three persons and wounding

“Unabomber” Theodore Kaczynski being escorted to court at least 20 others.

(Wide World API)

As with any other serial crime, the MOTIVES in repeated bombings may vary over time, from one incident to the next. Walter Moody’s first mail bomb, in 1972, was addressed to car dealer who had repossessed

American spelled backwards—trained its members in his vehicle; 19 years later, he was sentenced to life the art of demolition and was deemed responsible without parole in federal prison for mailing bombs to (though never prosecuted) for more than 100 racist judges and lawyers supportive of black civil rights, bombings in the southern states. A similar, if less well- including two victims who died. Diagnosed as schizo-traveled, clique was the so-called Silver Dollar Group phrenic in 1968, Moody saw high explosives as the that drew its membership from Klansmen in southeast- cure for all the grudges he held against individuals and ern Louisiana and some nearby Mississippi counties.

society at large.

Each member of the group carried a silver dollar minted Extremists of both left and right have made their in the year of his birth, and they specialized in car mark with bombs in recent times. During the 1960s, a bombs, crippling one NAACP leader in 1965 and

splinter faction of the Ku Klux Klan called Nacirema—

killing another in 1967.

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“BOSTON Strangler”

While bombs are used most often in extremist-moti-killed three victims and wounded at least 116 in April vated crimes or criminal enterprise cases (including 1999. Copeland, an outspoken neo-Nazi, targeted attacks by

organized crime), there may also be a sexual gays and ethnic minorities with his lethal charges, motive in bombing. The Metesky case presents the first planted at bars and bus stops. Convicted of murder on well-known application of psychological PROFILING, in June 30, 2000, Copeland received six terms of life which Dr. James Brussel divined the offender's sexual imprisonment.

angst from the phallic shape of his pipe bombs. At the *See also* PARAPHILIA; WEAPONS

same time, sex was not the *sole* motive for Metesky's bombings, as he clearly nursed a hunger for revenge against his past employers. There may also be a craving **BONIN, William George**

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for attention in such cases, demonstrated by Metesky's (and Kaczynski's) correspondence with the media.

Italian police have pursued a "Unabomber" of their

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own since October 2000, when pipe bombs and explosive A decade before the term "serial killer" entered popular charges disguised as packaged food injured several vic-usage outside of Great Britain, Boston was terrorized by tims. One woman lost several fingers after a booby-an elusive killer who claimed at least 11 female victims trapped tube of tomato paste exploded in her hand. By between June 1962 and January 1964. In every case the November 21, 2000, the authorities blamed the unknown victims were raped—sometimes with foreign objects—

bomber(s) for planting 21 devices. Unlike the case of and their bodies laid out nude, as if on display for a Theodore Kaczynski, no communication with the media pornographic snapshot. Death was always caused by had been attempted as of April 2003, when a booby-strangulation, though the killer sometimes also used a trapped pen maimed a nine-year-old girl at San Biagio di knife. The ligature—a stocking, pillowcase, whatever—

Callalta. That marked the bomber's last attack (as of was invariably left around the victim's neck, tied with press time for this work), and the case remains unsolved.

an exaggerated ornamental bow.

Likewise, in Los Angeles, police have no suspects in Fifty-five-year-old Anna Slessers was the first to die, the May 2001 case of three traffic cones rigged with strangled with the cord of her bathrobe on June 14, gasoline

bombs and left near local schools, set to 1962. A nylon stocking was used to kill 68-year-old explode if passersby removed plastic flowers from the Nina Nichols on June 30. Helen Blake, age 65, was apex of the cones. Authorities described the bombs as found the same day, with a stocking and bra knotted being meant for children, but none exploded and the around her neck. On August 19, 75-year-old Ida Irga unknown saboteur apparently tired of his twisted game.

was manually strangled in her home, “decorated” with Farther north, on San Francisco Bay, nine “low-pow-a knotted pillowcase. Jane Sullivan, age 67, had been ered bombs” exploded in Fremont, California, between dead a week when she was found on August 20, stran-May 18 and June 4, 2001. Three other unexploded gled with her own stockings, slumped over the edge of a bombs were found in the same vicinity, but the bomber bathtub with her face submerged.

eluded detection. Police sergeant Dennis Madsen told The killer seemed to break his pattern on December reporters, “I think whoever’s doing it is getting a lot of 5, 1962, when he murdered Sophie Clark, a 20-year-old notoriety. This guy’s sitting at home reading the papers and enjoying it.” (Another Fremont local, Rodney Blach, was arrested in October 1999 and convicted in December 2001 for a series of bombings in 1998. Those blasts, apparently intended to kill local officials, were unrelated to the explosions in 2001.)

Chinese bomber Jin Ruchao was a fugitive from

murder charges in Yunnan, where he allegedly murdered a woman on March 6, 2000. Ten days later, in the northern city of Shijiazhuang, Jin allegedly set explosive charges that demolished several buildings, killing 108

persons in a series of blasts. Arrested on March 31, he was tried and sentenced to death on April 18, 2001.

Amnesty International condemned the sentence as a product of hasty and incomplete investigation.

No such claim can be made for David Copeland,

the notorious “London Nailbomber” whose devices Albert DeSalvo in custody (Author’s collection) **25**

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African American. Another shift was seen with 23-year-tim, assaulted in February 1963, failed to pick DeSalvo old Patricia Bissette, strangled on

her bed and covered from a lineup. Witnesses from the Graff and Sullivan with a blanket to her chin, in place of the usual graphic crime scenes likewise failed to recognize DeSalvo. Sev-display. With 23-year-old Beverly Samans, killed on eral detectives, meanwhile, had focused their aim on an May 6, the slayer used a knife for the first time, stab-alternate suspect, fingered by “psychic” Peter Hurkos, bing his victim 22 times before looping the traditional but their man had voluntarily committed himself to an stocking around her neck. Evelyn Corbin, age 58, asylum soon after the last murder. Finally, if DeSalvo seemed to restore the original pattern on September 8, was driven to kill by a mother fixation, as psychiatrists strangled and violated by an “unnatural” assault, but claimed, why had he chosen young women as five of his the killer went back to young victims on November 23, last seven victims?

strangling 23-year-old Joann Graff and leaving bite Legal maneuvers swept those problems under the rug marks on her breast. The final victim, 19-year-old Mary in 1967, when celebrity lawyer F. Lee Bailey negotiated Sullivan, was found on January 4, 1964, strangled with an unusual plea bargain for DeSalvo. In lieu of homi-a scarf.

cide charges, DeSalvo pled guilty to the Green Man Ten months later, on November 3, 1964, police

rapes and received a sentence of life in prison. A fellow arrested 33-year-old Albert Henry DeSalvo for question-inmate fatally stabbed him on November 26, 1973, and ing on rape charges. It was not his first brush with the while the murder silenced DeSalvo, it did not erase the law. While serving in the U.S. Army, in January 1955, doubts surrounding his confession.

DeSalvo was accused of molesting a nine-year-old girl, More than a quarter-century after DeSalvo’s last but the child’s mother declined to press charges and arrest, forensic scientists revisited the Boston Strangler DeSalvo had been honorably discharged in 1956. Four case in an effort to solve the nagging mystery.

years later, in March 1960, he confessed a series of DeSalvo’s corpse was exhumed in October 2001, for assaults committed by Boston’s “Measuring Man,” a extraction of DNA material to use in tests unknown to smooth-talking culprit who poses as a door-to-door pathologists in the 1960s. Two months later, on scout for a fictitious modeling agency, fondling scores of December 6, James Starrs—a professor of law and

women while he took their “vital statistics” for future forensic science at George Washington University—

reference. The confession earned DeSalvo a two-year announced “blockbuster results” in the case. Specifi-prison term for assault and lewd conduct, but he was cally, DNA samples from two individuals were found paroled after 11 months, his obsession undiminished.

on the corpse of a victim, neither traceable to DeSalvo.

Next, DeSalvo told police, he became the “Green Starrs told the press, “It’s indicative, strongly indica-Man,” a home-invading rapist nicknamed for the green tive, of the fact that Albert DeSalvo was not the rape-work clothes he wore. Detectives suspected DeSalvo of murderer of Mary Sullivan. If I was a juror, I would 300 rapes, but he astonished them by confessing nearly acquit him with no questions asked.” Sullivan’s 2,000. In one hectic day, he raped six women in four nephew, Casey Sherman, had an even more emphatic different towns, with two of the attacks unreported message for reporters: “If he didn’t kill Mary Sullivan, prior to his confession. Those admissions sent DeSalvo yet he confessed to it in glaring detail, he didn’t kill any to Bridgewater State Hospital, confined for psychiatric of these women.”

evaluation. There, he befriended George Nassar, a con-Retired Massachusetts prosecutor Julian Soshnick victed murderer awaiting trial for his second robbery-disagreed, replying, “It doesn’t prove anything except slaying since 1948. Their private discussions were that they found another person’s DNA on a part of interspersed with visits from police, climaxed by Miss Sullivan’s body.” Seeming to ignore the import of DeSalvo’s claim that he was the “Boston Strangler.”

that evidence, Soshnick stood firm: “I believe that In his latest confession, DeSalvo added two “new” vic-Albert was the Boston Strangler.” Another retired inves-tims to the body count, both previously overlooked by tigator, former Boston homicide detective Jack Barry, homicide investigators. One, 85-year-old Mary Mullen, cited DeSalvo’s detailed confessions as proof of guilt.

was found dead in her home of apparent heart failure on

“He just knew so much,” Barry said, “things that were June 28, 1962. DeSalvo claimed that Mullen had col-never in the paper. He could describe the wallpaper in lapsed from shock when he invaded her apartment, their rooms.” Dr. Ames Robey, supervisor of Bridgewa-whereupon he left her

body on the couch without pursu-ter State Hospital in the 1960s and the chief psychiatrist ing the traditional assault. Mary Brown, age 69, was who evaluated DeSalvo, found the confessions less per-stabbed and beaten in her home on March 9, 1963, again suasive. “He was a boaster,” Robey told reporters. “I without a showing of the famous “strangler’s knot.”

never believed it for a minute.”

It seemed like an open-and-shut case, but numerous In any case, the DNA discovery stopped short of problems remained. The strangler’s sole surviving vic-solving Boston’s most famous murder mystery. Profes-26

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sor Starrs believes that at least one of the DNA samples nant, trooping to the altar from a sense of obligation.

recovered from Sullivan’s body belongs to her killer, but By 1967, settled in the Portland suburb of Aloha, Bru-he admitted in December 2001, “We cannot tell you the dos began complaining of migraine headaches and $64,000 question as to whose it is.”

“blackouts,” relieving his symptoms with night-prowl-Some students of the case believe the answer may be ing raids to steal shoes and lacy underwear. On one found at Bridgewater, where killer George Nassar con-occasion, a woman awoke to find him ransacking her ferred with DeSalvo through long days and nights. It is closet and Brudos choked her unconscious, raping her possible, critics maintain, that Nassar may have been before he fled.

the strangler, briefing DeSalvo on the details of his On January 26, 1968, 19-year-old Linda Slawson crimes in hope of sending authorities off on a wild was selling encyclopedias door-to-door when she called goose chase. DeSalvo, already facing life imprisonment on Jerry Brudos. Bludgeoned and strangled to death in for countless rapes, admittedly struck a cash bargain his basement, she became the first of five known victims with Nassar, whereby Nassar would pocket part of the killed by Brudos in Oregon. The second, 16-year-old outstanding reward for turning in DeSalvo, afterward Stephanie Vikko, disappeared from Portland in July. A passing most of the money on to DeSalvo’s wife. As a third, student Jan Whitney, 23, vanished on November clincher, the strangler’s lone survivor favored Nassar as 26 during a two-hour drive from Eugene to McMin-a suspect, rather than DeSalvo. Other theories postulate nville, her car found

abandoned north of Albany, Ore-the existence of two Boston Stranglers, one for the gon.

young and one for the elderly victims. Journalist Hank So far, authorities were working on a string of disap-Messick added a new twist in the early 1970s, quoting pearances, with no hard proof of homicide. That a Mafia hit man (now deceased) to the effect that changed on March 18, 1969, with the discovery of DeSalvo had been paid by members of organized crime Stephanie Vikko's remains in a wooded area northwest to "take a fall" for the actual, still unidentified Boston of Forest Grove. Nine days later, 19-year-old Karen Strangler.

Sprinker vanished from a Salem parking garage, leaving her car behind. Two witnesses reported same-day sightings of a large man, dressed in women's clothing, loiter-BRUDOS, Jerome Henry

ing in the garage.

Born in South Dakota during January 1939, Brudos As the police were searching for their suspect, Bru-moved to California with his family as a child. He grew dos faced a minor crisis in his own backyard. While up with a deep, abiding hatred for his domineering cleaning house, his wife had turned up photographs of mother and a strange, precocious fetish for women's Jerry dressed in drag, and she had also found a "plas-shoes. Discovering a pair of high heels at the local tic" breast, described by Brudos as a paperweight. (In dump, he brought them home, where they were confis-fact, it was a hunting trophy, treated with preservative.) cated and burned by his mother. By the time he entered She missed the other photographs, depicting Brudos first grade, Brudos was stealing shoes from his sister; at with his victims, posing with their bodies, dressing them age 16, now living in Oregon, he branched out into in frilly underwear like life-sized dolls, but dark suspi-burglary, making off with shoes from neighboring cion had begun to fester, all the same.

homes, sometimes snatching women's undergarments On April 23, 1969, Brudos claimed his final victim, from clotheslines.

picking off 22-year-old Linda Salee at a Portland shop-In 1956, at 17, Brudos beat up a girl who resisted his ping mall. Her body, weighted down with an auto crude advances on a date, winding up in juvenile court.

transmission, was pulled from the Long Tom River on Ordered to visit the state hospital in Salem as an outpa-May 10. Two days later and 50 feet downstream, a tient while continuing his high school education, Bru-team

of divers turned up victim Karen Sprinker, dos apparently gained nothing from therapy. Joining weighted with an engine block. The second body wore the army in March 1959, he was troubled by dreams of a brassiere several sizes too large, padded with paper a woman creeping into his bed at night. A chat with an towels to conceal the fact that her breasts had been army psychiatrist led to Jerome's discharge on October amputated.

15, 1959, and he went home to live with his parents in Interviews with local coeds yielded several stories of an Salem, moving into their toolshed.

aging, self-described "Vietnam veteran" who frequently Unknown to members of his family, Brudos had

approached girls on campus, asking for dates. Police begun to prey on local women, stalking them until he staked out the scene of one such rendezvous in Corvallis found a chance to knock them down or choke them on May 25, questioning Jerry Brudos closely before they unconscious, fleeing with their shoes. Still virginal in let him go. Picked up on a concealed weapons charge five 1961, he met his future wife and quickly made her preg-days later, Brudos broke down and confessed to the **27**

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murders in detail, directing authorities to evidence that not recognized —the theft of Joseph Otero's wristwatch.

would cinch their case. On June 27, 1969, Brudos pled

"I needed one so I took it," the killer explained. "Runs guilty on three counts of first-degree murder and was sen-good." Signing himself the "BTK Strangler," the killer tenced to a term of life imprisonment. His popularity with provided his own translation in a postscript. He wrote: fellow inmates is recorded in a string of prison "acci-

"The code words for me will be . . . Bind them, Torture dents," including one that left him with a fractured neck them, Kill them."

in 1971.

Police released their young suspects while requesting that the letter be suppressed against the possibility of further false confessions in the case. No one came for-

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ward. No new evidence materialized. Twenty-nine Residents of Wichita, Kansas, were ill prepared to cope months elapsed before the killer showed his hand again.

with monsters in the early days of 1974. Their lives On March 17, 1977, 26-year-old Shirley Vian was were by and large conservative, well-ordered, purpose-murdered in her home, stripped, bound and strangled ful. They had no previous experience to help prepare on her bed, left with a plastic bag over her head and the them for the coming terror, and it took them absolutely familiar cord wrapped tight around her neck. Vian's by surprise.

three children, locked in a closet by the armed intruder On January 15, four members of the Otero family who had invaded their home, managed to free them-were found dead in their comfortable suburban home, selves and called police. Again, the crime was clearly hog-tied and strangled with cords cut from old Venetian premeditated: the killer had stopped one of Vian's sons blinds. Joseph Otero, 38 years old, lay face down on the on the street that morning, displaying photographs of floor at the foot of his bed, wrists and ankles bound an unidentified woman and child, asking directions to with samples of the same cord that was wrapped around their home.

his neck. Close by, wife Julie lay on the bed she had once On December 9, 1977, 25-year-old Nancy Jo Fox

shared with her husband, bound and strangled in similar was found murdered in the bedroom of her Wichita fashion. Joseph II, age nine, was found in his bedroom, apartment, left with a nylon stocking tied around her mirroring his father's placement at the foot of the bed, neck. Unlike previous victims, she was fully clothed. An with a plastic bag over his head. Downstairs, 11-year-anonymous caller directed police to the crime scene, old Josephine Otero hung by her neck from a pipe in the and officers traced the call to a downtown phone basement, clad only in a sweatshirt and socks. None of booth, where witnesses vaguely recalled "someone"—

the victims had been sexually assaulted, though police perhaps a blond six-footer—using the booth moments found semen at the crime scene.

earlier.

Aside from the killer's ritualistic MODUS OPERANDI, The killer mailed a poem to the *Wichita Eagle* on police knew the crime had been planned in advance.

January 31, 1978, but it was routed to the advertising Phone lines were cut outside the house, and the killer department by mistake and lay undiscovered for days.

had brought ample cord from some other source for Disgruntled by the absence of publicity, the slayer binding and strangling his victims. Several

neighbors shifted targets, firing off a letter to a local television sta-filed reports of a “suspicious-looking” stranger in the tion on February 10. “How many do I have to kill,” he area, but published sketches of the unknown subject led asked, “before I get my name in the paper or some police nowhere. A local teenager confessed to the mur-national attention?”

ders, naming two accomplices, but none had any In his latest note, the BTK Strangler claimed seven knowledge of the crimes beyond stark details published victims, naming Vian and Fox as the latest. That left in the press. Still, their arrests served a purpose, one still unaccounted for, as he closed with a taunting prompting the killer to clamor for credit.

punch line: “You guess the motive and the victims.”

In October 1974, Wichita’s bogeyman penned the Unable to prove their correspondent’s latest claim, first of several letters to the media, placed in a book at authorities still took him at his word, announcing theo-the public library. A phone call directed an editor of the retical acceptance of the body count. The killer’s last *Wichita Eagle* to the hidden letter, filled with numerous letter in 1978 was addressed to an elderly Wichita misspellings, which advised police: “Those three woman who eluded him by staying out late on the night dude[s] you have in custody are just talking to get pub-he had chosen to kill her. “Why didn’t you appear?” he licity for the Otero murders. They know nothing at all.

asked.

I did it by myself and no one[’]s help.” The slayer Alternately blaming his crimes on “a demon” and a proved his point by describing the murder scene in mysterious internal “Factor X,” the strangler compared detail, down to the color of each victim’s clothing. He his work to that of London’s “JACK THE RIPPER,” New added a clincher, informing detectives of a fact they had York City’s “Son of Sam,” and the “Hillside Strangler”

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“BTK Strangler”

in Los Angeles. “When this monster enter[ed] my Rader had confessed six murders, doubly amazed brain,” he wrote, “I will never know. But, it [is] here to when he was charged with 10 slayings on March 1.

stay. Maybe you can stop him. I can’t. It seems senseless While only seven homicides were previously linked to but we cannot help it. There is no help, no cure except the BTK series, detectives now listed three more vic-death or being caught and put away.” Psychiatrists who tims, including:

analyzed the letters felt the killer saw himself as part of some nebulous "grand scheme," but they were unable

• *Kathryn Bright,* age 21, bound and stabbed to to pinpoint his motive or predict his next move.

death in her home on April 14, 1974. Her brother In fact, there would be none for 26 years, until the Kevin, shot and left for dead in the same incident, *Wichita Eagle* received another BTK letter on March was a coworker of Rader's at a local camping-gear 19, 2004. The envelope contained a one-page letter in factory.

familiar style, together with a photocopy of murder vic-

• *Marine Hedge,* age 53, kidnapped from her subur-tim Vicki Wegerle's driver's license and three snapshots ban Park City home on April 27, 1985, later

of her corpse, each with the clothing arranged in found strangled with a pair of pantyhose and dis-slightly different positions. Police informed the media carded on a rural road. At the time of her murder, that no official photos had been taken of Wegerle's Hedge lived on the same street as Rader.

body in situ, when she was found on September 16,

• *Delores Davis,* age 62, snatched from her home 1986, thus proving that her killer was the cameraman.

outside Park City on January 19, 1991. When

Predictably, the letter's return address—from a fictitious found beneath a bridge on February 1, she had

B ill *T* homas *K* illman—led detectives to a long-vacant been bound and strangled with pantyhose.

apartment house in Wichita.

Another BTK letter arrived in early May 2004, this Police remain tight-lipped about their means of target-one posted to Wichita television station KAKE, Channel ing Rader after three decades. Some reports mention a 10. It was delivered to police, who passed it on to the FBI computer disk enclosed with one of the BTK letters in laboratory for handwriting analysis. G-men confirmed March 2004, which police allegedly traced back to the killer's authorship of that communication on June Rader's church. All accounts include mention of DNA 28, after a third letter arrived at Wichita police head-samples obtained from Rader's 26-year-old daughter, but quarters. Authorities were mum on the contents of the details surrounding

that evidence were hopelessly con-last two notes, but Lieutenant Ken Landwehr told fused at press time for this volume. Some stories claim reporters, “I’m 100 percent sure it’s BTK. We do believe Rader’s daughter was suspicious of him and approached that BTK is in Wichita. We truly feel that he is trying to police; others say she volunteered DNA in an effort to communicate with us. We are specifically interested in clear her father’s name; yet a third version states that talking to anyone who was approached at their residence DNA samples were subpoenaed by FBI agents over the between 1974 and 1986 by a man presenting himself as daughter’s objections. In any case, the physical evidence an employee of a school or a utility company. Obviously and Rader’s supposed confessions were enough to see we are not interested in legitimate encounters. We want him held in lieu of $10 million bond, pending trial. Iron-to know about situations where a man attempted to get ically, detectives noted that during the height of the BTK

into your house under suspicious circumstances.”

panic, from 1974 to 1988, Rader worked for a local Thousands of fruitless tips followed announcement security firm, installing home-intrusion alarms through-of the latest BTK correspondence, and all were tracked out Wichita. On June 27, 2005, after several refusals by by police to frustrating dead ends. Meanwhile, detec-local prosecutors, Rader was finally permitted to plead tives staked their hopes on modern DNA technology guilty on 10 murder counts. In a chilling, deadpan open-

(unavailable during the killer’s crime spree in 1977–86) court confession, he described the slayings in detail, and on the content of his cryptic letters. “I don’t think explaining that he murdered his victims to satisfy sexual they’re just ramblings,” said retired captain Bernie fantasies. At the Otero massacre, because he wore no Drowatzky. “I’ve always thought there was a key in mask, Rader declared, “I made a decision to go ahead there. I just never was able to find it.”

and put ’em down.” He kept Polaroid snapshots of his Eleven months after the final rash of letters, on

“projects” as TROPHIES, and planned “potential hits”

February 25, 2005, Wichita police announced the with care. “If one didn’t work out,” he explained, “I just arrest of a BTK suspect. Dennis L. Rader was a 59-moved on to another one.” At the end of Rader’s recita-year-old city employee, married father of two, a pop-tion, prosecutors

recommended a sentence of 175 years ular Cub Scout leader and longtime deacon at Christ to life, thus making sure that Rader would die before Lutheran Church. Friends and relatives were stunned attaining eligibility for parole. On August 19, 2005, he on February 27, when authorities announced that was sentenced to 10 life terms.

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BUNDY, Carol

beater, who also enjoyed kicking dogs and swinging cats through the air by their tails.

Whatever the truth, it is clear that *something* troubled Ted in those days. Early one morning, when he was barely three, Ted's 15-year-old aunt awoke to find him lifting her blankets, slipping butcher knives into the bed beside her. "He just stood there and grinned," she recalled. "I shooed him out of the room and took the implements back down to the kitchen and told my mother about it. I remember thinking at the time that I was the only one who thought it was strange. Nobody did anything."

In 1950, Louise and Ted moved to Tacoma, Wash-

ington, where she met and married John Bundy in May 1951. Despite good grades in school, Ted's file was filled with notes from his teachers alluding to his explosive and unpredictable temper. By the time he finished high school, Ted was a compulsive masturbator and a night-prowling voyeur, twice arrested by juvenile authorities on suspicion of burglary and auto theft. In 1970, he seemed to shift gears, winning a commendation from the Seattle Police Department for chasing down a purse-snatcher. A year later, Ted was enrolled at the University of Washington, working part-time on a suicide hot line. Behind the new civic-minded facade, however, Ted's morbid fantasies were building toward a Theodore Bundy being led back to prison in handcuffs lethal flash point.

(Wide World API)

Linda Healy was the first fatality. On January 31, 1974, she vanished from her basement lodgings in Seattle, leaving bloody sheets behind, a bloodstained night-gown hanging in her closet. Several blocks away, young **BUNDY, Carol**

See CLARK, DOUGLAS

Susan Clarke had been assaulted, bludgeoned in her bed a few weeks earlier, but she survived her injuries and would eventually recover. As for 21-year-old Lynda **BUNDY, Theodore Robert**

Healy, she was gone without a trace.

Ted Bundy is a striking contrast to the general image of Police had no persuasive evidence of any pattern a "homicidal maniac": attractive, self-assured, politi-yet, but it would not be long in coming. On March 12, cally ambitious, and successful with a wide variety of Donna Gail Manson, 19, disappeared en route to a women. But his private demons drove him to extremes concert in Olympia, Washington. On April 17, 18-of violence that make the gory worst of modern year-old Susan Rancourt vanished on her way to see a

“slasher” films seem almost petty by comparison. With German-language film in Ellensburg. On May 6, 22-his chameleon-like ability to blend, his talent for year-old Roberta Parks failed to return from a late-belonging, Bundy posed an ever-present danger to the night stroll in her Corvallis neighborhood. On June 1, pretty, dark-haired women he selected as his victims.

22-year-old Brenda Ball left Seattle’s Flame Tavern Born Theodore Robert Cowell in November 1946 at with an unknown man and vanished as if into thin air.

a home for unwed mothers in Vermont, Ted never knew Ten days later, 18-year-old Georgeann Hawkins joined his father, described vaguely by Louise Cowell as a ser-the list of missing women, lost somewhere between viceman she dated several times. Poverty forced Louise her boyfriend’s apartment and her sorority house in and her newborn son to live with her strict Methodist Seattle.

parents in Philadelphia, where Ted spent the first four Now detectives had their pattern. All the missing years of his life pretending Louise was his sister. He women had been young, attractive, with their dark hair would later paint a sunny picture of those years, pro-worn at shoulder length and parted in the middle. In fessing love for grandfather Sam Cowell, but other fam-their photos, laid out side by side, they might have ily members describe Sam as a bitter racist and wife passed for sisters, some for twins. Homicide investiga-30

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tors had no corpses yet, but they refused to cherish false swagen Beetle was parked. There was no sign of any illusions of a happy ending to the case. There were so sailboat, and his explanation—that the boat would many victims, and the worst was yet to come.

have to be retrieved from a house “up the hill”—had On July 14, a crowd assembled on the shores of Lake aroused her suspicions, prompting her to put the Sammamish to enjoy the sun and water sports of sum-stranger off.

mer. When the day was over, two more names would be Police now had a fair description of their quarry and appended to the growing list of missing women: 23-his car. The published references to “Ted” inspired a year-old Janice Ott and 19-year-old Denise Naslund rash of calls reporting suspects, one of them in reference had each disappeared within sight of their separate to college student Ted Bundy. The authorities checked friends, but this time police had a tenuous lead.

out each lead as time allowed, but Bundy was consid-Passersby remembered seeing Ott in conversation with ered “squeaky clean,” a law

student and Young Repub-a man who carried one arm in a sling, and he was over-lican active in law-and-order politics, complete with heard to introduce himself as “Ted.” With that report commendations from the Seattle PD. So many calls in hand, detectives turned up other female witnesses reporting suspects had been made from spite or simple who were themselves approached by “Ted” at Lake overzealousness that Bundy’s name was filed away with Sammamish. In each case, he had asked for help secur-countless others, momentarily forgotten.

ing a sailboat to his car. The lucky women had declined, On September 7, hunters found a makeshift grave-but one had followed “Ted” to where his small Volk-yard on a wooded hillside several miles from Lake Police and scent-trained dogs search for Bundy victims. (Wide World API) **31**

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Sammamish. Dental records were required to finally A week before the final grim discovery, Ted Bundy identify remains of Janice Ott and Denise Naslund; the was arrested in Salt Lake City for suspicion of burglary.

skeleton of a third woman, found with the others, Erratic driving had attracted the attention of police, and could not be identified. Five weeks later, on October an examination of his car revealed peculiar items such 12, another hunter found the bones of two more as handcuffs and a pair of pantyhose with eyeholes cut women in Clark County. One victim was identified as to form a stocking mask. The glove compartment 20-year-old Carol Valenzuela, missing for two months yielded gasoline receipts and maps that linked the sus-from Vancouver, Washington, on the Oregon border; pect to a list of Colorado ski resorts, including Vail and again, the second victim would remain unknown, Snowmass. Carol Da Ronch identified Ted Bundy as the recorded in the files as a “Jane Doe.” Police were opti-man who had attacked her in November, and her testimistic, hopeful that discovery of victims would eventu-mony was sufficient to convict him on a charge of ally lead them to the killer, but they had no way of attempted kidnapping. Other states were waiting for a knowing that their man had given them the slip shot at Bundy now, and in January 1977 he was extra-already, moving on in search of safer hunting grounds dited to Colorado for trial in the murder of Caryn and other prey.

Campbell at Snowmass.

The terror came to Utah on October 2, 1974, when Faced with prison time already, Bundy had no

16-year-old Nancy Wilcox disappeared in Salt Lake patience with the notion of another trial. He fled from City. On October 18, 17-year-old Melissa Smith van-custody in June and was recaptured after eight days on ished in Midvale; her body, raped and beaten, would be the road. On December 20 he tried again, with more unearthed in the Wasatch Mountains nine days later.

success, escaping all the way to Tallahassee, Florida, Laura Aimee, 17, joined the missing list in Orem on where he found lodgings on the outskirts of Florida October 31 while walking home in costume from a State University. Suspected in a score of deaths already, Halloween party. A month would pass before her bat-Bundy had secured himself a new hunting ground.

tered, violated body was discovered in a wooded area In the small hours of January 15, 1978, he invaded outside of town. A man attempted to abduct attractive the Chi Omega sorority house, dressed all in black and Carol Da Ronch from a Salt Lake City shopping mall armed with a heavy wooden club. Before he left, two on November 8, but she was able to escape before he women had been raped and killed, a third severely could attach a pair of handcuffs to her wrists. That injured from the blows he rained upon her head.

evening, 17-year-old Debbie Kent was kidnapped from Within the hour, he had slipped into another house, the auditorium at Salt Lake City's Viewmont High just blocks away, to club another victim in her bed.

School.

She, too, survived. Detectives at the Chi Omega house Authorities in Utah kept communications open with discovered bite marks on the corpses of 20-year-old police in other states, including Washington. They Lisa Levy and 21-year-old Margaret Bowman,

might have noticed that a suspect from Seattle, one Ted appalling evidence of Bundy's fervor at the moment of Bundy, was attending school in Utah when the local dis-the kill.

appearances occurred, but they were looking for a mad-On February 6, Ted stole a van and drove to Jackman rather than a sober, well-groomed student of the sonville, where he was spotted in the act of trying to law who seemed to have political connections in Seattle.

abduct a schoolgirl. Three days later, 12-year-old Kim-Bundy stayed on file and was again forgotten.

berly Leach disappeared from a schoolyard nearby; she With the new year, Colorado joined the list of hunt-was found in the first week of April, her body discov-ing grounds for an elusive killer who apparently ered near Suwanee State Park.

selected victims by their hairstyles. Caryn Campbell, Police in Pensacola spotted Bundy's stolen license 23, was the first to vanish, from a ski lodge at Snow-plates on February 15 and were forced to run him down mass on January 12; her raped and battered body as he attempted to escape on foot. Once Bundy was would be found on February 17. On March 15, 26-identified, impressions from his teeth were taken to com-year-old Julie Cunningham disappeared en route to a pare with bite marks on the Chi Omega victims, and his tavern in Vail. One month later to the day, 18-year-old fate was sealed. Convicted on two counts of murder in Melanie Cooley went missing while riding her bicycle in July 1979, he was sentenced to die in Florida's electric Nederland; she was discovered eight days later, dead, chair. A third conviction and death sentence was subse-her skull crushed, with her jeans pulled down around quently obtained in the case of Kimberly Leach.

her ankles. On July 1, 24-year-old Shelly Robertson It would take almost a decade to see justice done.

was added to the missing list in Golden; her remains Ted stalled his execution with repeated frivolous were found on August 23, discarded in a mine shaft appeals that went as far as the US Supreme Court in near the Berthoud Pass.

Washington. Between legal maneuvers, he passed time **32**

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with media interviews, jailhouse small talk with fellow Clackamas County, Oregon; Vicki Hollar, 24, from sadis GERARD SCHAEFER, and brief consultation with Eugene; 14-year-old Katherine Devine, of Seattle; Washington authorities on the still unsolved case of the Brenda Baker, another Seattle 14-year-old; Nancy

"GREEN RIVER KILLER." Ted's luck and life ran out on Baird, 21, from Farmington, Utah; 17-year-old Sandra January 24, 1989, when he was executed in the state of Weaver, killed in Utah; and yet another Utah victim, Florida. Before his execution, Bundy confessed to 20 or 17-year-old Sue Curtis. Some investigators believe 30 murders (published reports vary). The earliest mur-Bundy may have killed 100 or more victims in all, per-der

admitted by Bundy was that of an unidentified haps beginning when he was an adolescent, but evi-hitchhiker killed near Olympia, Washington, in May dence is sparse to nonexistent in those cases. Bundy 1973. Two years later, Bundy said, he had killed 12-took the secret to his grave.

year-old Lynette Culver, abducted from a junior high school in Pocatello, Idaho.

In addition to those named above, authorities

BUNTING, Jon

See SNOWTOWN

believe him responsible for at least seven other murders, committed between 1973 and 1975. Victims in those cases include: 17-year-old Rita Jolly, from **BUONO, Angelo**

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were members of the “reactionary” old guard. In Rus-Throughout history, many cultures have sanctioned and sia, at least one case of serial murder and cannibalism ritualized the consumption of human flesh, but canni-was also reported from Leningrad during the long Nazi balism is generally banned today, since its practice siege, but details are elusive thanks to Soviet censorship.

requires either homicide or desecration of corpses (a (Perhaps significantly, Russian slayer ANDREI CHIKATILO

criminal offense in most American jurisdictions). Still, blamed his own forays into cannibalism on childhood as bizarre as it seems in modern society, cannibalism is stories concerning his older brother, allegedly murdered not particularly rare among serial killers, particularly and eaten during the famine of the 1930s.)

those driven by sexual or sadistic MOTIVES.

There is at least one case on record of serial murder Indeed, it has always been so. In ancient Mexico, and cannibalism committed as acts of revenge. Embit-where Aztecs sacrificed and cannibalized an estimated tered at the murder of his wife by members of the 15,000 victims yearly, Emperor Moctezuma was said to Crow Indian tribe, trapper John Johnston waged a prefer dining on the same young boys he chose to share ruthless vendetta in the Colorado Rockies, killing his bed. Cannibal killer ALBERT FISH also

preferred the scores of tribesmen and devouring their still-warm liv-flesh of children, while California's EDMUND KEMPER

ers, raw, as a gesture of contempt. When Hollywood devoured parts of at least two female victims, later tackled his story a century later, handsome Robert terming the act a means of "possessing" them forever.

Redford took the lead as *Jeremiah Johnson*, a romantic The "CHICAGO RIPPERS," four young Satanists, habitu-hero, with no trace of "Liver-eating Johnston" to be ally severed and devoured the breasts of women they found on-screen.

abducted, raped, and killed.

Reports of cannibalism flourished in the 1990s, per-Cannibalism is not always a sexual act. For some, it haps because of the subject's sensational nature. In may be a survival technique. Millions starved to death October 1997, Ugandan police arrested Ssande Sser-in Russia during the 1930s while Josef Stalin commu-wadda, accused by his wife of cannibalism. In custody, nized the nation's agricultural system, and the tragedy Sserwadda freely admitted the charge, reporting that he was repeated 20 years later under Mao Zedong in the learned the practice from his parents. He told the court, People's Republic of China. In both countries, many

"We are a family of cannibals, we always have been, cases of cannibalism were reported (including parents and I feel queasy if I go too long without tasting human who devoured their own children), but authorities meat. But just because we like to eat human flesh, does responded in very different ways. Soviet officials exe-that mean we're bad people?" Sserwadda admitted eat-cuted an unknown number of cannibals, while sentencing seven corpses in the past year, then added that his ing some 350 others to life imprisonment; Chinese brother "is the really greedy one. He's eaten dozens."

leaders, on the other hand, sometimes applauded acts of Presuming that Sserwadda dined on corpses without homicide and cannibalism, especially where the victims committing murder, the court sentenced him to three **34**

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years in prison. He shocked the judge by asking if he had also involved an abortive $3,000 ransom demand.

could take a human leg, introduced as evidence at trial Detectives found "several books on black magic" at one in 2001, to prison with him for a

snack. “It’s still got suspect’s home, suggesting that the murders sprang plenty of meat on it. It’s a shame to let it go to waste.”

from Satanism. Once again, no disposition of the case In Nigeria, authorities jailed two alleged cannibals at has been reported.

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Lagos, in February 1999. The suspects, identified as Across the Atlantic, accused cannibal Dorangel Var-Clifford Orji and Tahiru, lived beneath a local bridge gas was arrested by police in San Cristóbal, Venezuela, and were accused by neighbors of supplying human in February 1999. A former mental patient who was organs to black-magic practitioners. Raiders found the briefly held on similar charges in 1995, Vargas con-pair grilling parts of a fresh corpse, and seized the flesh fessed to murdering and eating 10 men over the past and various bones as evidence. A police spokesman two years. “Sure I eat people,” he told reporters. “Any-accused Orji and Tahiru of murdering women, and one can eat human flesh, but you have to wash and gar-claimed they preferred “young, fine girls with long nish it well to avoid diseases.” Notwithstanding those hair.” No disposition for that case was available at admissions and the reported discovery of human press time, but new reports of widespread cannibalism remains at his home, some observers defended Vargas emerged from the neighboring Congo region in 2003.

as a hapless “scapegoat,” allegedly framed by illicit There, dwindling tribes of pygmies complained to the organ-traffickers. No judgment in the Vargas case had United Nations that rural guerrillas regularly killed and been announced by press time for this volume.

devoured members of their race, driving their people On April 14, 2001, police in Kansas City, Kansas, toward extinction. Reports published in Europe, during charged 21-year-old Marc Sappington with murdering August 2003, described mobile armies of “child sol-and cannibalizing three men over the past week. Dis-diers” dragooned by their elders to fight in a long-run-membered remains of one victim, 16-year-old Alton ning civil war, subsisting on flesh from their slain Brown, were found in Sappington’s basement. Held in enemies as they prowled the countryside.

lieu of $2 million bond, Sappington was examined for Modern Asia has no shortage of cannibalism reports.

psychiatric abnormalities by analysts who reported his In January 2001, Western journalists revealed that fascination with Milwaukee cannibal-killer JEFFREY

human flesh (dubbed *saram hoki*) was sold in the mar-DAHMER. After being certified as sane, Sappington faced ketplace at famine-blighted Hoeroung, North Korea.

trial in July 2004. Jurors convicted him across the Films and photographs supported the claim, depicting board, on three counts of murder plus one count each parts of a dismembered child in one cooking pot.

of kidnapping and aggravated burglary.

Reporter Carla Garapedian told the world, “All of the In 2004, European authorities announced their dis-North Koreans we interviewed knew about it.” North covery of an Internet cannibal network that “links Korean officials declined to comment. A year later, in maneaters from Austria to America.” That revelation March 2002, authorities in Hyderabad, India, alleged emerged from the murder trial of German defendant that members of “a nameless sect” consumed human Armin Meiwes, a cannibal who advertised online for a flesh as part of a *puja* ritual designed to help them find

“young well-built man who wants to be eaten” and hidden treasure. No charges were filed in that case, but thus met Bernd-Jurgen Brandes, whom he killed and several alleged cannibals were reportedly slain by their devoured in 2001. Defense attorneys for Meiwes sub-neighbors on suspicion of practicing evil magic.

mitted that he should be freed because Brandes volun-Eastern Europe has produced its share of cannibals teered to be slain and consumed. Jurors convicted in recent years. Ilshat Kuzikov, a 37-year-old resident of Meiwes on a reduced charge of manslaughter, sending St. Petersburg, Russia, was convicted in March 1997 of him to prison for eight and a half years, but police were killing and devouring at least three male acquaintances more concerned with evidence that two more victims since 1992. Officers who raided his home found dried may have been eaten in Europe. German criminologist ears hanging on the walls and soft-drink bottles filled Rudolf Egg told reporters, “There are several hundred with human blood. Four years later, in April 2001, people with cannibalistic tendencies in Germany alone, authorities in Chisinau, Moldova, arrested two women and many thousands around the world.” Inspector for selling human organs in the city’s marketplace. A Isolde Stock announced that Meiwes’s e-mail corre- full-scale investigation was announced, but its results spondence with members of various “cannibal forums”

are presently unknown. Four Ukrainians were jailed at would fill two large trucks if it were printed out. The Kiev in July 2002, charged with

killing a teenage girl haul included several thousand photos of nude men, and devouring her body. Police claimed that the prison-downloaded from the prisoner’s computers, in addition ers, including three men and a woman, had killed at to scenes of torture.

least six victims for their flesh. The latest kidnapping *See also* JOACHIM KROLL; PARAPHILIA; VAMPIRISM

CAPITAL Punishment and Serial Killers

might have been eliminated early on had the judicial Always controversial in America, imposition of the system not intervened. An overzealous sheriff had death penalty for murder (or other serious crimes) elicited confessions from the suspect with assurances remains a constant point of heated debate. Serial killers, that Carignan would not be executed, a condition that whose multiple murders frequently incorporate brutal appeals courts found disturbing. Carignan’s death sen-torture and sexual assault, are often described as tence was overturned in 1951, and after serving nine

“poster children” for capital punishment, but abolition-more years for attempted rape, he was paroled in 1960.

ists would spare all felons, without regard to the nature There would be more arrests, for burglary, assault, and or number of their crimes. Arguments range from the other crimes; in 1965, Carignan was sentenced to a moral (“All killing is wrong”; “All lives are precious”) term of 15 years in Washington, but with time off for to the economic (“Life imprisonment is cheaper than good behavior, he hit the street again in 1969, con-lengthy death-sentence appeals”), but results of every sumed with an abiding rage against society in general published poll to date suggest that a majority of those and women in particular.

surveyed support execution in cases of first-degree (pre-Harvey married a Seattle widow shortly after his meditated) murder.

parole, but their relationship was doomed from the The 1960s saw a sharp decline in American execu-beginning. Sullen and uncommunicative, Carignan tions, with seven inmates executed in 1965 (down from would frequently get up at night and drive long dis-152 in 1947), and only one in 1967. No more had been tances “to be alone and think.” When he refused to dispatched by 1972, when the US Supreme Court ruled share his thoughts

or name his destinations on the long that all American death penalty statutes, as currently nocturnal drives, his marriage fell apart. Remarrying written, were unconstitutional under the Eighth another widow in 1972, Carignan showed no improve-Amendment’s ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

ment. His lascivious attentions to a teenage stepdaugh-Across the country, 648 condemned inmates—including ter finally forced the girl to run away from home, and such notorious serial killers as Richard Speck and six he was faced with yet another failing marriage in the members of the MANSON FAMILY—saw their sentences spring of 1973.

commuted overnight to life imprisonment with possible That May, young Kathy Miller answered Harvey’s parole (though few of the repeat offenders have been advertisement for employees at a service station that he freed to date). By 1976, a groundswell of public opin-leased. The girl was missing for a month before two ion induced the high court to revise its opinion, permit-boys discovered her remains while hiking on an Indian ting execution in the case of certain felonies specifically reservation north of Everett, Washington. Nude and defined by law. Multiple murder (or murder accompa-bundled in a sheet of plastic, Kathy had been blud-nied by torture and/or sexual assault) is among those geoned with a hammer, knocking holes the size of nick-crimes authorized for capital punishment in all 38

els in her skull.

death-penalty states. Texas was the first state to specifi-Detectives in Seattle were aware of Harvey’s record, cally list serial murder as a capital offense.

and they hounded him with such intensity that he The first condemned inmate to die in America after a departed from their city shortly after Kathy Miller’s nine-year hiatus in executions was serial slayer Gary body was discovered. Later a speeding ticket from Gilmore, shot by a Utah firing squad in January 1977.

Solano County, California, on June 20 placed Carignan Between that event and September 2004, at least 81

in the vicinity where a half-dozen women had been other serial killers were executed in 19 American states.

murdered in the past two years, but there was nothing In retrospect, there seems to be no statistical validity for solid to connect him with the crimes, and he continued the abolitionist argument that suicidal slayers

migrate on his way cross-country, seeking sanctuary in his old, to death-penalty states in search of an “easy” death.

familiar haunts in Minneapolis.

New York, as a prime example, has consistently ranked On June 28, Marlys Townsend was assaulted at a among the top five U.S. states in cases of serial murder bus stop in that city, clubbed unconscious from behind.

reported, although the state banned capital punishment She woke in Harvey’s car, still groggy from the blow, for more than 20 years, from 1972 to 1994.

but when he tried to make her masturbate him, she *See also* GEOGRAPHY

found strength enough to save herself by leaping from the speeding vehicle. Police made no connection with the human time bomb ticking in their midst.

CARIGNAN, Harvey Louis

Jewry Billings, age 13, was thumbing a ride to her By all rights, Harvey Carignan should never have boyfriend’s house in Seattle on September 9 when become a serial killer. Sentenced in Alaska to be hanged Carignan pulled up and offered her a ride. Inside the for murdering a woman in 1949, the hulking killer car, he threatened Jewry with a hammer and forced her **36**

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to perform sexual acts on him while he assaulted her with some 181 red circles drawn in isolated areas of the with the hammer’s handle. When he finished with her, United States and Canada. Some of the circles yielded Carignan released his battered captive, but the incident nothing, others indicating points where Harvey had was so humiliating that the girl maintained it as a applied for jobs or purchased vehicles, but others closely guarded secret for a period of several months.

seemed to link him with a string of unsolved homicides A year would pass before detectives witnessed Har-and other crimes involving women. One such cryptic vey’s handiwork again. On September 8, 1974, he circle marked the point where Laura Brock had disap-picked up Lisa King and June Lynch, both 16, while peared, near Coupeville, Washington. Another, at they were hitching rides in Minneapolis. He offered Medora, North Dakota, coincided with discovery of a money if the girls would help him fetch another car that murdered girl in April 1973. Yet another had been had been stranded in a rural area. Once out of town, drawn around the very

intersection in Vancouver where however, Harvey stopped the car and started beating a woman, waiting for a city bus, had been assaulted June about the head and face. When Lisa ran for help, from behind and beaten with a hammer.

he sped away and left his latest victim bleeding on the An ill-conceived INSANITY DEFENSE involving mes-roadside.

sages from God did not impress the jury at Carignan's A month before, on August 10, another romance had trial for attempted murder (of Gwen Burton) in March collapsed for Harvey, ending no less tragically for his 1975. He was convicted and received the maximum of intended. Eileen Hunley was a woman of the church 40 years in prison. Since no criminal in Minnesota may who looked for good in others. She had looked for be sentenced to a term exceeding 40 years, the other tri-good in Harvey Carignan when they began to date, but als and sentences were merely window dressing: 30

there was none to be found. She had informed her years for the assault of Jewry Billings; 40 years for friends of her intent to terminate the sour relationship, Eileen Hunley's murder; 40 years for killing Kathy but Eileen Hunley disappeared on August 10. Her Schultz. One hundred fifty years in all, of which the corpse was found in Shelbourne County five weeks killer may be forced to serve no more than 40, with the later, her skull imploded by the force of savage hammer usual potential for time off for "good behavior."

blows.

An engine failure on September 14 almost cost Gwen Burton her life. When Harvey Carignan appeared to **CATOE, Jarvis R.**

offer her a ride, she had no inkling that the trip would At 6:00 A.M. on August 4, 1941, 26-year-old Evelyn turn into a waking nightmare. Once they were alone, he Anderson left her home in the Bronx, walking to her ripped her clothing, choked her into semiconsciousness, job as a waitress in a nearby restaurant. She never and raped her with his hammer, finally slamming her punched the clock that day, and it was 9:00 P.M. before across the skull before he dumped her in a field to die.

her lifeless body was discovered in an alley off Jerome Miraculously, she survived and crawled to a nearby Avenue. She had been strangled by a powerful assailant, highway, where a passing motorist arrived in time to marks of fingernails embedded in her throat, but she save her life.

had not been sexually abused.

On September 18—the same day Eileen Hunley's

A few days later, Anderson's watch was recovered body was recovered —Harvey picked up Sally Versoi from a New York City pawnshop, hocked by one

and Diane Flynn. He used the old ruse about fetching Charles Woolfolk. Under questioning, Woolfolk swore another car, then began to make lewd propositions, that he received the watch from a lady friend, Hazel assaulting both girls when they failed to respond on Johnson, who in turn pointed an accusing finger at sus-command. They escaped when he ran short of fuel and pect Mandy Reid. Hauled in for interrogation, Reid was forced to stop at a rural service station.

said she got Anderson's handbag—containing the Two days later, 18-year-old Kathy Schultz did not watch—from her friend Jarvis Catoe, a resident of return on schedule from her college classes, and a miss-Washington, D.C. A background check on Catoe

ing-person bulletin was issued by police. Her corpse revealed two arrests for indecent exposure in 1935, was found next day, by hunters, in a cornfield forty after which he worked part-time as a taxi driver, sup-miles from Minneapolis. As in the other cases, Kathy's plementing his income by selling information as a police skull had been destroyed by crushing hammer blows.

informant.

Police in Minneapolis were talking to their counter-Catoe, a 36-year-old black man, was arrested by parts in Washington by now, and within days, survivors authorities in Washington. On August 29, he confessed started picking Harvey out of lineups as the man who to the murders of seven women in Washington and one had abducted and assaulted them throughout the past in New York City; four others had been raped but left two years. A search of his possessions turned up maps alive, and he reportedly had failed in efforts to abduct **37**

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Department. Still, the case remained unsolved until Catoe got careless in New York.

At once, police from several eastern jurisdictions sought to question Catoe in a string of unsolved murders. Officers from Lynn, Massachusetts, suspected a connection with a homicide recorded in July of 1941, and detectives in Garden City, Long Island, were curious about the death of a patrolman in 1940. Authorities from Hamilton Township, New Jersey, questioned Catoe about a series of shotgun murders, between 1938

and 1940, later cleared with the arrest of Clarence Hill.

Spokesmen for the NYPD requested that Catoe be questioned about the February 1940 strangulation death of Helen Foster. For all the circus atmosphere, the final tally stands, as far as anyone can tell, at nine murdered women.

Brought to trial in late October 1941, for killing Rose Jarvis Roosevelt Catoe confesses to strangling 10 women Abramovitz, Catoe sought to recant his confessions, with “these hands.” (Wide World API)

claiming that police had tortured him while he was “sick and weak.” A jury failed to buy the act, deliberating only 18 minutes before returning a

verdict of guilty, with two more. Another slaying in the District of Columbia a recommendation of death. Catoe was executed in the was added to the list on September 1. Corroborating his capital's electric chair on January 15, 1943.

confession, Catoe told police where they could find one victim's lost umbrella, and he knew that 20 dollars had been stolen in another case—a fact known only to

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detectives, members of the victim's family, and her It was a case with all the grisly melodrama of a Holly-killer.

wood production. A serial slayer, predictably dubbed Catoe named Evelyn Anderson as his New York vic-

"Jack the Ripper" by newsmen, was stalking young tim, but the rampage had started years earlier in Wash-women in Chicago and environs, discarding their muti-ington. Florence Darcy was the first to die, raped and lated corpses like cast-off rubbish. Homicide detectives strangled in 1935, but the case had been "closed" a had no inkling of the killer's motive or identity; they year later with the conviction of an innocent man.

couldn't even manage to agree upon a final body count.

Josephine Robinson was next, murdered on December The speculation published daily in Chicago's press was 1, 1939. Lucy Kidwell and Mattie Steward were killed bad enough; the truth, when finally exposed, was infi-two months apart in September and November 1940.

nitely worse.

Ada Puller was the first victim of 1941, murdered on On May 23, 1981, 28-year-old Linda Sutton was

January 2.

abducted by persons unknown from Elmhurst, a

Thus far, all of Catoe's victims had been black, but Chicago suburb. Ten days later, her mutilated body—

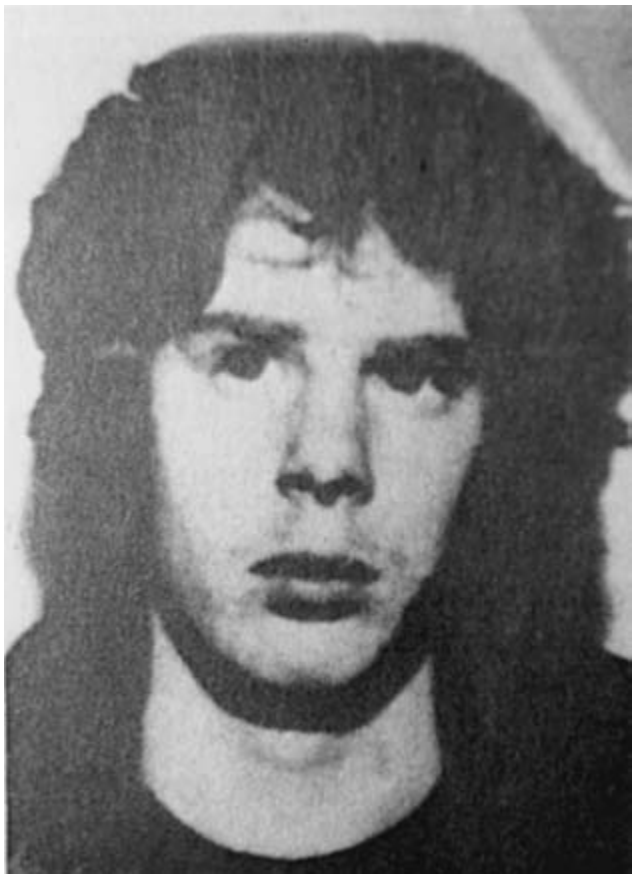
things heated up for Washington police, when the stran-the left breast missing—was recovered from a field in gler shifted to Caucasian prey. Rose Abramovitz, a Villa Park, adjacent to the Rip Van Winkle Motel. The bride of one month, hired Catoe to wax some floors on evidence suggested Sutton had been kidnapped by a March 8 and was murdered for her trouble, left sadist, but police had no solid clues to his identity.

sprawled across her bed while Catoe scooped up 20

A year passed before the next acknowledged victim dollars and escaped.

in the series disappeared. On May 15, 1982, 21-year-It rained in Washington on June 15, and Jesse Strieff, old Lorraine Borowski was scheduled to open the a pretty secretary at the War Department, was relieved Elmhurst realtor’s office where she worked. Employees when Catoe stopped to offer her a lift. Mistaking his turning up for work that morning found the office car for a taxi, she climbed in and was driven to a nearby locked, Borowski’s shoes and scattered contents from garage, where Catoe raped and strangled her, hiding her her handbag strewn outside the door. Police were called umbrella and stuffing her clothes in a trash bin. Strieff’s at once, but five more months elapsed before

nude body was discarded in another garage, 10 blocks Borowski’s corpse was found, on October 10, in a away, her death provoking congressional investigations cemetery south of Villa Park. Advanced decomposition and a personnel shakeup in the Washington Police left the cause of death a mystery.



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Two weeks later, on May 29, Shui Mak was

Authorities immediately linked him to the “Ripper”

reported missing from Hanover Park, in Cook County, slayings, but they had no proof, and he made bail on her mutilated body recovered at Barrington on Sep-October 26.

tember 30. On June 13, prostitute Angel York was Meanwhile, detectives had learned that Gecht was picked up by a “john” in a van, handcuffed, her breast one of four men who had rented adjoining rooms at slashed open before she was dumped alive on the Villa Park’s Rip Van Winkle Motel several months roadside. Descriptions of her attacker had taken police before Linda Sutton was murdered nearby. The manager nowhere by August 28, when teenage hooker Sandra remembered them as party animals, frequently bringing Delaware was found stabbed and strangled to death women to their rooms, and he surprised investigators on the bank of the Chicago River, her left breast neatly with one further bit of information. The men had been amputated. Rose Davis, age 30, was in identical condi-

“some kind of cultists,” perhaps devil worshipers.

tion when police found her corpse in a Chicago alley Two of the Rip Van Winkle tenants, brothers

on September 8. Three days later, 42-year-old Carole Andrew and Thomas Kokoraleis, had left a forwarding Pappas, wife of a Chicago Cubs pitcher, vanished address for any mail they might receive. Police found without a trace from a department store in nearby 23-year-old Thomas at home when they called, and his Wheaton, Illinois.

inconsistent answers earned him a trip downtown. The Detectives got the break they had been waiting for suspect promptly failed a polygraph examination, on October 6. That morning, prostitute Beverly Wash-cracking under stiff interrogation to describe the ington, age 20, was found nude and savaged beside a

“satanic chapel” in Gecht’s upstairs bedroom, where Chicago railroad track. Her left breast was nearly sev-captive women were tortured with knives and ice ered the right deeply slashed, but she was breathing, picks, gang-raped, and finally sacrificed to Satan by and emergency surgery saved her life. Hours later, in a members of a tiny cult including Gecht, the Kokoraleis seemingly unrelated incident, drug dealer Rafael brothers, and 23-year-old Edward Spreitzer. As Torado was killed, and a male companion wounded described by the prisoner, cultic rituals included sever-when the occupants of a cruising van peppered a street-ing one or both breasts with a thin wire garrote, each corner phone booth with gunfire.

celebrant “taking communion” by eating a piece Two weeks later, on October 20, police arrested before the relic was consigned to Gecht’s trophy box.

unemployed carpenter Robin Gecht, a 28-year-old for-At one point, Kokoraleis told detectives, he had mer employee of contractor JOHN GACY, and charged counted 15 breasts inside the box. Some other victims him with the cruel assault on Beverly Washington. Also had been murdered at the Rip Van Winkle, out in Villa suspected of slashing prostitute Cynthia Smith before Park. He picked a snapshot of Lorraine Borowski as a she escaped from his van, Gecht was an odd character, woman he had picked up, with his brother, for a one-once accused of molesting his own younger sister.

way ride to the motel.

Robin Gecht (Author’s collection)

Andrew Kokoraleis\ (Author’s collection)

Edward Spreitzer (Author’s collection)

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CHIKATILO, Andrei Romanovich

Police had heard enough. Armed with search and **CHIKATILO, Andrei Romanovich**

arrest warrants, they swept up Robin Gecht, Ed Spreitzer, A native of the Ukraine, born October 16, 1936, Andrei and 20-year-old Andrew Kokoraleis on November 5, Chikatiko was a late-blooming serial killer who traced lodging them in jail under $1 million bond. A search of his crimes back to early childhood. His family had suf-Gecht’s apartment revealed the satanic chapel described fered greatly during Joseph Stalin’s forced collectiviza-by Tom Kokoraleis, and lawmen came away with a rifle tion in the 1930s, Chikatilo said. Apart from knowing matched to the recent Torado shooting. Satanic literature poverty and hunger, he had lost an older brother, was also retrieved from the apartment occupied by allegedly murdered and cannibalized by neighbors dur-Andrew Kokoraleis. With their suspects in custody, ing the famine that claimed millions of Russian lives.

authorities speculated that the gang might have murdered Whether the tale was true or not, young Andrei’s 18 women in as many months.

mother drilled it into him with frequent repetition, and Tom Kokoraleis was charged with the slaying of his later deeds would replicate the act.

Linda Borowski on November 12 and formally indicted While most serial murderers kill for the first time in by a grand jury two days later. Brother Andrew and their teens or early twenties, Chikatilo was a slow Edward Spreitzer were charged on November 14 with starter. With a university degree, a wife and two chil-the rape and murder of victim Rose Davis. When the dren, he presented the appearance of a meek family mangled body of 22-year-old Susan Baker was found man, but dark urges were brewing behind that pacific on November 16 at a site where previous victims had facade. Employed as a school dormitory supervisor, been discarded, police worried that other cult members Chikatilo was fired over allegations that he had might still be at large. No charges were filed in that molested male students. A new job, as a factory supply case, however, and authorities now connect Baker’s clerk in Rostov-on-Don, required frequent

travel by bus death to her background of drug and prostitution or train, and Chikatilo turned the circumstance to his arrests in several states.

advantage, trolling for victims in bus depots and rail-Facing multiple charges of rape, attempted murder, way stations.

and aggravated battery, Robin Gecht was found men-The self-described “mad beast” and “mistake of tally competent for trial on March 2, 1983. His trial nature” committed his first murder on December 22, opened on September 20, and Gecht took the witness 1978, in the town of Shakhty. The body of his victim, a stand next day, confessing the attack on Beverly Wash-nine-year-old girl whom Chikatilo strangled, raped, and ington. Convicted on all counts, he received a sentence stabbed repeatedly, was pulled from the Grushevka River of 120 years in prison.

days later. Chikatilo was one of many suspects ques-Tom Kokoraleis had suffered a change of heart since tioned in the case, but police soon focused on 25-year-confessing to murder, attorneys seeking to block the old Alexander Kravchenko, an ex-convict who had reading of his statements at forthcoming trials, but on served time for murder and rape. In custody, Kravchenko December 4, 1983, the confessions were admitted as was beaten by police until he confessed, whereupon he evidence. Four months later, on April 2, 1984, Ed Spre-was sentenced to death and shot by a firing squad. The itzer pled guilty on four counts of murder, including vic-

“solution” looked good on paper, but it naturally failed tims Davis, Delaware, Mak, and Torado. Sentenced to to deter the real killer from striking again.

life on each count, he received additional time on con-The terror began in earnest nearly three years later, viction for charges of rape, deviant sexual assault, and in September 1981. Over the next nine years, dozens of attempted murder.

corpses would be found in wooded areas adjacent to On February 6, 1985, a statement from Andrew

train or bus depots, grossly mutilated by a phantom Kokoraleis was read to jury in his trial for the Rose Davis who was quickly dubbed the “Rostov Ripper.” The vic-murder. In his confession, the defendant admitted he was tims included young women and children of both sexes,

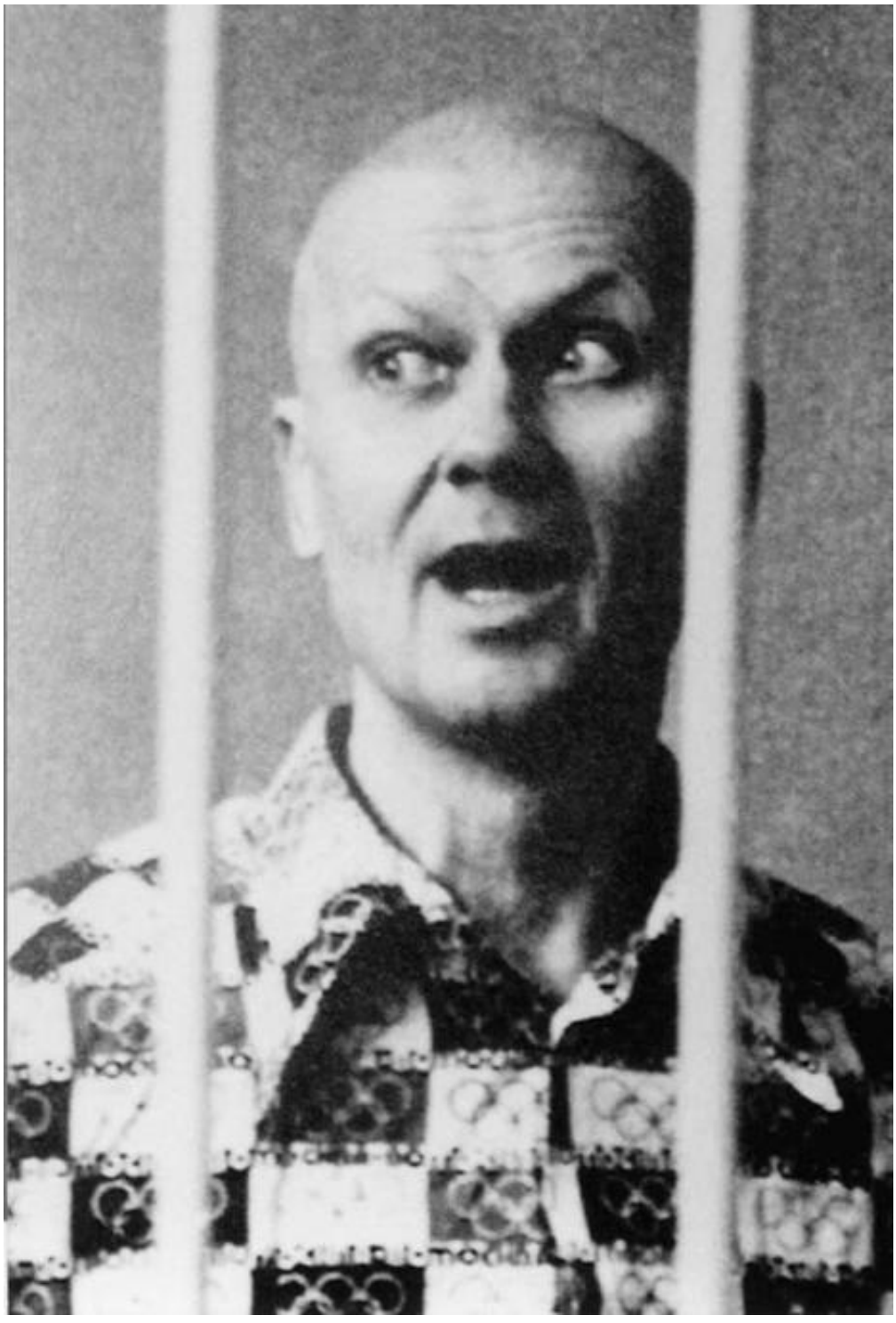
“cruising” with fellow cultists Gecht and Spreitzer when raped and stabbed repeatedly in a pattern of grisly they kidnapped Davis, with Andrew stabbing her several overkill. Some victims had their tongues bitten

off; oth-times in the process. Convicted on February 11, he ers were disemboweled, sometimes with organs missing received a death sentence on March 18, 1985. Kokoraleis that suggested the killer might be indulging in CANNI-was executed by lethal injection on March 16, 1999.

BALISM. (Chikatilo later confessed to occasionally nib-On March 4, 1986, Edward Spreitzer was convicted bling on internal organs but denied consuming human of murdering Linda Sutton and formally sentenced to flesh.) Repeated stab wounds to the face were a specific death on March 20. Authorities declared that Spreitzer trademark of the killer, but the mutilations he inflicted had agreed to testify against Gecht in that case, but no otherwise appeared to follow no set pattern.

further charges have been filed to date in Chicago’s Chikatilo may have come late to the murder game, grim series of cannibal murders.

but he was making up for lost time. At the peak of his **40**



CHILDHOOD Trauma as Precursor of Serial Murder Chikatilo finally ran out of luck in November 1990, when he was spotted in a Rostov railway station, sporting bloodstains on his face and hand. While he was not arrested at the time, his name was taken down, and the discovery of another

victim near the depot two weeks later prompted his arrest on November 20. After eight days of interrogation, Chikatilo confessed a total of 55

murders, leading police to several corpses they had not discovered yet. His recitation of atrocities—illustrated by demonstration on mannequins—included sadistic mutilation of several victims while they were still alive.

Charged with 53 counts of murder, Chikatilo went on trial in June 1992; four months later, on October 15, he was convicted on all but one count and sentenced to death. A last-minute appeal for clemency was rejected by President Boris Yeltsin in February 15, 1994, and Chikatilo was executed that same day, with a pistol shot to the back of his head. Alexander Kravchenko, meanwhile, was posthumously pardoned for the slaying of Chikatilo's original victim.

CHILDHOOD Trauma as Precursor of
Serial Murder

Before physicians can eradicate a plague, the sources of contagion must be recognized and understood. The same is true of aberrant behavior on the part of human beings. There can be no cure without a recognition of the cause. What prompts a man or woman to adopt a predatory lifestyle, stalking human prey for motives that Andrei Chikatilo at trial (Author's collection) may be incomprehensible to others? Are such monsters born complete with killer instincts, "BAD SEEDS" with an insatiable genetic taste for blood, or are they shaped and homicidal frenzy, in 1984, eight victims were found in educated over time? If we determine how such predators the month of August alone. Chikatilo was held for ques-are made, can we disrupt the process soon enough to tioning again that year and released for lack of evidence save their lives and those they will eventually destroy?

after Communist officials intervened on his behalf, It is unusual for psychiatric "experts" to agree on lamenting the "persecution" of a loyal party member.

anything beyond vague generalities, but a review of curIt would take another six years, with some 25,000

rent literature suggests resounding unanimity on the suspects interrogated, before police came back to significance of early childhood to the physical and men-Chikatilo a third time and finally bagged their killer.

tal health of an adult. The crucial element is variously Part of the problem was communist mythology, main-labeled "bonding" or

“attachment” and refers to the taining that such “decadent Western crimes” as serial emotional connection formed between an infant and its murder never occurred in a “people’s republic.” State parents, starting virtually from the moment of its birth.

censorship forbade police from broadcasting descrip-That bonding is achieved by stages, and while experts tions of their suspect—or even admitting his crimes had disagree on how much time is needed to complete the occurred—and homicide investigators were thus

process—published estimates range from two weeks to reduced to the same cloak-and-dagger routine that had six years—all agree that disruption of bonding may retarded investigation of earlier, similar cases. Propa-produce a child (or an adult) incapable of feeling sym-ganda aside, however, there seemed to be mayhem pathy, affection, or remorse. As pediatrician Selma aplenty in Rostov-on-Don: before it ended, the Ripper Fraiberg writes in *Every Child’s Birthright* (1977), “If investigation would disclose 95 additional murders and we take the evidence seriously, we must look upon a 245 rapes committed by *other* human predators in the baby deprived of human partners as a baby in deadly district.

peril. These are babies being robbed of their humanity.”

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CHRISTIE, John Reginald Halliday

In the worst-case scenario, detachment may produce factors in the killers’ early lives, including: (1) trauma, an individual suffering from antisocial personality dis-often in the form of physical or sexual abuse; (2) devel-order (APD). Once commonly described as “psy-

opmental failure stemming from that trauma; and (3) chopaths,” such individuals are now more often labeled interpersonal failure on the part of caretaking adults to

“sociopaths,” to distinguish their affliction from the serve as positive role models for the child.

separate—and more severe—condition of psychosis. In Some childhood trauma may be accidental, and vari-essence, while there are degrees of relative severity in ous serial killers report childhood histories of severe APD, its victims are essentially devoid of conscience: head injury. More often than not, however, the damage they are chronic liars, cheats, and thieves, self-centered, suffered by future criminals is deliberately inflicted dur-frequently incapable of empathy with other human ing their formative

years. When the FBI quizzed its sam-beings. Some “adjust” and manage to live out their lives pling of captive murderers, 42 percent reported behind what one psychiatrist has called a “MASK OF

incidents of physical abuse in childhood, while 74 perSANITY”—as “crafty” businessmen, “slick” politicians, cent harbored memories of psychological abuse; 43 perand the like. For others, though, the lies and petty thefts cent of those surveyed reported incidents of sexual of childhood lead to lifelong criminal careers, and some abuse; and 28 percent had medical histories of sexual of those are little more than brutal predators in human injury or disease. An overwhelming 73 percent reported form.

childhood involvement in unspecified “sexually stress-In some cases, trauma begins in the womb, with crit-ful events.” In that context, it is curious—perhaps ical damage incurred by a fetus from the moment of instructive—to note that at least seven male serial conception. Malnutrition during pregnancy, for killers are known to have been dressed as girls during instance, may result in abnormal brain development, childhood by their parents or adult caretakers. Two of with teenage mothers especially at risk. Likewise, those—HENRY LUCAS and CHARLES MANSON—were

maternal alcoholism or drug abuse is another hazard to actually sent to school in dresses as a bizarre form of fetal development; recent studies suggest that habitual

“lesson” or punishment.

used of cocaine may also damage the genetic code of Childhood abuse frequently results in social isola-sperm. Physical birth defects aside, the children of alco-tion, learning disabilities (47 percent of the FBI’s sur-holics and addicts are likely to enter the world with veyed killers were high-school dropouts), symptoms of damaged brains or nervous systems, limiting the neurological impairment (29 percent suffered persistent child’s—and future adult’s—ability to control violent, headaches; 19 percent were subject to seizures), prob-impulsive behavior. Indeed, it appears from modern lems with authority or self-control, precocious or studies that even an unwanted or unhappy pregnancy, bizarre sexual activity, substance abuse, even self-without physical damage, may jeopardize the future of destructive behavior. Overall, the recurring theme of an unborn child, as maternal anxiety results in secretion childhood abuse and trauma among criminals—and of hormones detrimental to the fetus.

“recreational killers” in particular—serves as persua-Environment kicks in at the moment of delivery, and sive evidence that serial murderers are made, not born.

nothing breaks the childhood bonding cycle quite like parental abandonment. As noted by author John

Bowlby (*The Making and Breaking of Affectional* **CHRISTIE, John Reginald Halliday**

Bonds [1979]), “In psychopaths the incidence of illegit-Yorkshire-born in April 1898, John Christie endured a imacy and the shunting of the child from one ‘home’ to stern childhood, with little or no visible affection from another is high. It is no accident that [Ian] Brady of the his parents. Developing chronic hypochondria in a bid

‘Moors’ murders was such a one.”

for attention, he also ran afoul of police as a juvenile, That said, the children given up to foster care or the resulting in beatings at home. Christie left school at 15

adoption system may be luckier than some who stay at to become a police clerk but was fired for petty theft.

home. Dysfunctional families are potential crucibles of Next, he went to work in his father’s carpet factory but crime, as indicated by the FBI’s three-year study of 36

was caught stealing again and banished from home.

sexually motivated killers, including 29 with multiple Wounded and gassed in World War I, Christie was victims. When the Bureau’s sampling of killers were blind for five months and suffered hysterical loss of his quizzed on their family backgrounds, 69 percent voice spanning three and a half years. Marriage, in reported histories of alcohol abuse, 53 percent listed 1920, seemed to hold his bad luck at bay for a time, but relatives with psychiatric problems, 50 percent noted in 1934 Christie was struck by an automobile, suffering criminal histories, 46 percent admitted family sexual serious head injuries along with other, lesser wounds.

problems, and 33 percent detailed histories of familial Briefly employed at the post office, he spent seven drug abuse. The FBI study points out certain common months in jail for stealing money orders. In 1938, **42**

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Christie and his wife moved into a flat at 10 Rillington corpse before concealing it in a cupboard. The method Place, in London. A year later, he

joined the War worked so well that he repeated it with prostitute Kath-Reserve Police, earning a bully’s reputation for throw-leen Maloney on January 12 and with Hectorina

ing his weight around and punishing neighbors for McLennan on March 3.

minor blackout offenses.

Christie left Rillington Place on March 20, 1953, Christie’s several homicides were all committed in and the new tenants began renovations four days later.

the flat on Rillington Place, with the early crimes occur-They found his cupboard, hidden by a layer of wallpa-ring in the midst of wartime. His initial victim was Ruth per, with three female corpses inside. Police responding Fuerst, an Austrian immigrant who called on Christie to the call soon found his wife beneath the floor and while his wife was visiting relatives. He strangled her unearthed Christie’s first two victims in the garden.

while having sex and buried her that evening in his gar-Searchers found a human femur propping up the fence den. Number two was Muriel Eddy, one of Christie’s out back and in the flat a tin was found containing coworkers at a London radio factory. Stopping by the pubic hair removed from four different women. (Curi-flat with Christie’s wife away, Muriel complained of ously, the hair matched none of Christie’s known vic-feeling ill. Her host prescribed a “cure” which consisted tims.).

of inhaling lethal gas, and Eddy joined Ruth Fuerst in Arrested on March 31, Christie soon confessed to Christie’s busy garden.

the series of murders, contending that Beryl Evans In late November 1949, a neighbor, illiterate truck traded sex in return for his help in committing suicide.

driver Timothy Evans, approached police and said, “I At his trial, in June, the jury rejected Christie’s INSANITY

would like to give myself up. I have disposed of the DEFENSE, and he was sentenced to die. He mounted the body of my wife.” Following his directions, police gallows on July 15, 1953.

searched the drains below Rillington Place, but in vain. A second visit found the corpse of Beryl Evans in a shed behind the house, together with her strangled **CIUDAD JUÁREZ, Mexico:** “Serial killer playground”

infant daughter, Geraldine. (During the search, Ciudad Juárez lies just across the border from El Paso, Christie stood talking with two detectives in his gar-Texas, in northern Chihuahua. Long recognized as a den, while a dog rooted around their feet and turned center of violent crime and a major source of narcotics, up a skull. Christie shooed the animal away and trod the city of 2 million residents emerged during the 1990s the skull back under, with his official visitors none the as a “serial killers’ playground,” where women are wiser!)

raped and murdered with alarming frequency. In 2003, Upon recovery of the bodies, Evans first confessed to the *El Paso Times* reported that “nearly 340” victims killing both his wife and daughter, later altering his had been slain during the past decade, while Amnesty statement to blame Christie. In his second affidavit, the International placed the total at 370. Some cases have trucker claimed that his wife died during an abortion been solved, but unnamed “experts” speculate that “90

performed by Christie, after which Christie offered to or more” may be serial murder victims. No one claims a arrange for the “unofficial adoption” of baby Geral-single killer is responsible—in fact, police have jailed dine. Detectives and a jury chose to believe Christie, more than a dozen suspects —but one fact is uncon-described by prosecutors in court as “this perfectly tested: All females are in danger on the streets of Ciu-innocent man.” Convicted of strangling his daughter dad Juárez.

only, Evans was sentenced to death and eventually The first to die, officially, was Alma Chavira Farel, hanged.

found beaten, raped, and strangled in the Campestre By that time, married life was wearing thin for Virreyes district on January 23, 1993. In fact, she may Christie. On the night of December 14, 1952, he stran-not have been the year’s first victim, since local disap-gled his wife with a stocking and wedged her body pearances exceed known homicides. Still, Chavira under the floorboards, afterward claiming that she had remains the first acknowledged victim of a predator suffered spontaneous convulsions and he “could not whom the media would later dub “the Juárez Ripper”

bear to see her suffer.”

or “El Depredador Psicópata.” No mutilations were With the nuisance of a live-in spouse removed, recorded in Chavira’s case, but many subsequent vic-Christie’s murder schedule escalated. On January 2, tims suffered “similar” slashing wounds to their 1953, he brought home Rita

Nelson, a London prosti-breasts. Police acknowledged 16 more murders of tute, plying her with liquor before he induced her to sit women in Ciudad Juárez by year’s end, with the last in a deck chair, covered with a canopy, which he had recorded on December 15. That case was solved, along planted above an open gas pipe. When Nelson fell with four others. In the dozen cases still open from unconscious, Christie strangled her and raped her 1993, five victims remain unidentified today. Cause of **43**

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death in those cases includes four strangulations, four that case, and again in August 1981, when he attacked stabbings (one stabbing victim was set afire afterward), a second woman in West Palm Beach. Sharif received one beating, and one gunshot. Advanced decomposition probation for the first rape and served only 45 days for ruled out a determination in two other cases.

the second. Cercoa finally fired Sharif in 1982, tired of In 1994, police recorded eight unsolved murders of paying his mounting legal bills.

women in Ciudad Juárez. “Possible culprits” were Resettled in Gainesville, Sharif was married briefly, named in three other cases, but none were arrested.

then divorced after he beat his bride unconscious. He Three of the dead are still unidentified; the others advertised for a live-in housekeeper on March 17, ranged in age from 11 to 35. In cases where the cause of 1983, then beat and repeatedly raped a young woman death is known, six were strangled, two stabbed, one who answered the ad, telling her, “I will bury you out bludgeoned, and one burned alive. Before that brutal back in the woods. I’ve done it before, and I’ll do it year ended, criminologist Oscar Maynez Grijalva again.” Held without bond pending trial in that case, warned local police that some of their unsolved mur-Sharif escaped from the Alachua County jail in January ders might be the work of a serial killer. Maynez later 1984 but was soon recaptured. On January 31, 1984, said that his warning was ignored.

Sharif received a 12-year sentence for rape. Prosecutor The year 1995 was worse yet, with at least 19

Gordon Gorland told reporters that on the day Sharif women slain by mid-September. Eight of the victims was released he would be “met at the prison gates and remain unidentified, with one case solved and “proba-

escorted to the plane” for deportation to Egypt, but it ble suspects” named (but not convicted) in two others.

was an empty promise.

Where cause of death could be determined, six were When Sharif was paroled in October 1989, he

strangled, one stabbed, and one shot. Three of the four moved to Midland, Texas, and a job with Benchmark victims found in September presented police with an Research and Technology. The U.S. Department of obvious pattern: On each, the right breast was severed Energy singled him out for praise in his new position, and the left nipple bitten off. It thus appeared that a ser-and Sharif was photographed shaking hands with Sena-ial killer was stalking Ciudad Juárez, linked by a similar tor Phil Gramm. News of a 1991 drunk-driving arrest MODUS OPERANDI to three of the most recent crimes, alerted a former acquaintance from Florida, now living but authorities were not overly concerned. In October in Texas, who reported Sharif to the Border Patrol as a 1995, detectives claimed the case was solved. They had fugitive from deportation proceedings. A long series of charged a suspect—a foreigner—with one of the city’s hearings ensued, and the matter was still unresolved brutal sex murders.

two years later, when Sharif held a woman captive in Abdel Latif Sharif was born in Egypt in 1947.

his home and repeatedly raped her. Sharif’s attorney Decades later, he claimed to have been sexually abused then offered the government a deal: If the latest charges as a child, allegedly sodomized by his father and other were dismissed, Sharif would voluntarily leave the male relatives. He emigrated to the United States in United States forever.

1970, settling first in New York City, where he soon Federal prosecutors accepted the bargain, and Sharif established a reputation for drunken promiscuity, fix-moved to Ciudad Juárez in May 1994, working at one ated on young girls. Fired from his job for suspected of Benchmark’s maquiladoras (factory sweatshops pro-embezzlement in 1978, Sharif moved to Pennsylvania.

ducing goods for export, where workers earn an averA friend, John Pascoe, recalled a deer-hunting expedi-age of five U.S. dollars per day). In October 1995, a tion with Sharif, where the Egyptian reportedly young female employee accused Sharif of raping her at wounded a buck and then tortured the dying animal.

his home in the exclusive Rincónes de San Marcos Pascoe also claimed that girls “often” disappeared in neighborhood. She also said that Sharif had threatened Sharif’s company, though none of the alleged victims to kill her and dump her corpse in Lote Bravo, a desert were identified. Pascoe says he ended the friendship in region south of town where several other victims had 1980, after finding various possessions of an unnamed been found. Those charges were later withdrawn, but

“missing” girl in Sharif’s home, and a mud-caked detectives learned that Sharif had dated 17-year-old shovel on the porch.

Elizabeth Castro García, who was raped and murdered By 1981, Sharif had settled in Palm Beach, Florida, in August 1994. After many delays, Sharif was con-working as a chemist and engineer for Cercoa, Inc. His victed of that crime in March 1999 and received a 30-talents were sufficiently impressive that the company year sentence (reduced to 20 years in February 2003, created a department just for him. On May 2, 1981, he when an appellate court found “problems with the evi-took a 23-year-old woman home, beat and raped her dence”). Police called him a serial killer, yet his convic-repeatedly, then suddenly turned solicitous and drove tion did not solve the grisly mystery of Ciudad Juárez.

her to a hospital. Cercoa bankrolled Sharif’s defense in One month after Sharif’s arrest, police acknowledged **44**

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that 520 locals had vanished in the past 11 months and found on the breasts of at least three victims. Nonethe-that “an important percentage of them are female adoless, in 1999 a Mexican court found insufficient evi-lescents.”

dence to charge Sharif as a conspirator in any Between Sharif’s arrest and the first week of April additional slayings.

1996, at least 14 more victims ranging in age from 10

Even before that ruling, police admitted that their to 30 were slain in Ciudad Juárez. Where cause of death conspiracy theory was defective. The Rebels roundup was known, 10 had been stabbed, one shot, and one changed nothing in Ciudad Juárez. Brutal murders con-strangled. At least four suffered unspecified mutilations tinued, while community groups accused police of neg-after death, and one victim—15-year-old Adrianna Tor-ligence or worse. At least 16 victims were slain between res—fit the pattern of three other slayings, with her April and November 1996, with

eight still unidentified right breast severed and her left nipple bitten off. The today. Five were stabbed, three shot, and one was found ongoing slaughter belied official reports that the city's in a drum of acid. As usual, advanced decomposition homicide wave had ended with Abdel Sharif's arrest.

left the cause of death unknown in several cases. In Police needed an explanation for the murders, but one 1997, police recorded 17 unsolved murders of females that would not exonerate their prime suspect.

aged 10 to 30, with seven of the dead unidentified.

They got their wish on April 8, 1996, when 18-year-While rape was confirmed in only four cases, the pos-old Rosario García Leal was found raped and mutilated ture and nudity of several other corpses suggested sex-outside Ciudad Juárez. One suspect questioned in that ual assault. In cases where a cause of death could be case was Hector Olivares Villalba, a member of a local determined, five were stabbed, three strangled, three street gang called Los Rebeldes ("The Rebels"). In cus-shot, and two beaten.

tody, Olivares claimed he had participated in García's Statistically, 1998 was the worst year so far, with 23

murder on December 7, 1995. Half a dozen Rebels unsolved murders logged by December. Authorities were involved, he said, including gang leader Sergio described the January death of 20-year-old Rosalina Armendariz Díaz (AKA "El Diablo"). Armed with Oli-Veloz Vasquez as "similar to 20 other murders in the vares's confession (later recanted as a product of police city." Six of the year's victims remain unidentified. The torture), officers raided several nightclubs and detained killings reflected the usual mix of stabbings, stranglings, 300 persons. From that mob, they winnowed out nine gunshots, and immolation. Victim Rocio Barrazza Gal-Rebels, including Armendariz, Juan Contreras Jurado legos was killed on September 21, strangled in a patrol ("El Grande"), Carlos Hernández Molina, Carlos Bar-car parked outside the local police academy, by an offi-rientos Vidales, Romel Cerniceros García, Fernando cer assigned to the open investigation.

Guermes Aguirre, Luis Adrade, Jose Juárez Rosales, By 1998 the long-running investigation had become and Erika Fierro.

a fruitless numbers game. In May, Associated Press (AP) The nine, plus Olivares, were accused of plotting reports listed "more than 100 women raped and killed"

with Abdel Sharif to free him from prison by murderin Ciudad Juárez. A month later, AP raised the body ing local women and making it seem like the original count to 117. In October 1998, another AP report

“Ripper” was still at large. Police claimed that some of placed the official body count at 95, while a woman’s the Rebels had visited Sharif in jail and were paid for advocacy group called Women for Juárez estimated the their “copycat” crimes. Juan Contreras told detectives total somewhere between 130 and 150. Mexico’s

that Armendariz had sent him to collect $4,000 cash Human Rights Commission issued a scathing condem-from Sharif in prison. Later, Contreras claimed, he had nation of the police in 1998, but politicians suppressed joined Armendariz and other Rebels in the rape-mur-the report to avoid any adverse impact on impending der of a young woman known only as Lucy. Contreras state elections. Still clinging to suspect Abdel Sharif, subsequently recanted his statement, and all charges Attorney General Arturo Chávez told Reuters on June were dropped against suspects Cerniceros, Fierro, 10, 1998, that “police think another serial killer may be Guermes, Hernández, and Olivares. The remainder are at work due to similarities in three crimes this year.” At still awaiting trial (a slow process in Mexican courts), year’s end, on December 9, the AP reported: “At least and El Diablo earned a separate six-year prison term 17 bodies show enough in common—the way shoelaces for leading the February 1998 gang-rape of a 19-year-were tied together, where they were buried, how they old fellow inmate. The other Rebels claim they were were mutilated—that investigators say at least one ser-tortured by police, some displaying burn scars from ial killer is at work. And 76 other cases bear enough cigars and cigarettes. Authorities stand by their similarities that investigators say one or more copycats charges, blaming Sharif and the Rebels for 17 murders.

may be at work.”

Chihuahua’s medical examiner maintains that dental The first quarter of 1999 witnessed the unsolved casts from Armendariz “identically” match bite marks murders of at least eight victims. Abdel Sharif’s trial for **45**

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the Castro murder, beginning on March 3, brought no advising Mexican authorities on the case, telling respite from carnage. In the predawn hours of

March reporters that “of the 182 total deaths, 40 to 75 [vic-18, a 14-year-old girl staggered up to the door of a tims] had been sexually violated.”

stranger’s home on the city’s outskirts. Bloody and sob-A new mystery surfaced in December 1999, with disbing, she told a story of rape and near-murder, naming covery of a mass grave outside Ciudad Juárez, initially her attacker as maquiladora bus driver Jesús Guardado thought to contain as many as 100 corpses. In fact, it Marquez (AKA “El Dracula” or “El Tolteca”). A back-yielded only nine, including three U.S. citizens. Inclu-ground check on Guardado revealed a prior conviction sion of Americans among the dead prompted a new line for sexual assault. By the time police went looking for of inquiry. “Still a mystery,” the *Dallas Morning News* him, he had vanished with his pregnant wife, but declared, “is what happened to nearly 200 people, Durango authorities captured him several days later.

including 22 U.S. citizens who, in many cases, vanished Guardado allegedly confessed to multiple murders and after being detained by men with Mexican police uni-named four accomplices: Victor Moreno Rivera (“El forms or credentials.” Those vanished persons, collec-Narco”), Augustin Toribio Castillo (“El Kiani”), tively dubbed Los Desaparecidos (“The Disappeared”), Bernardo Hernando Fernández (“El Samber”) and Jose are still missing today, despite joint investigations by Gaspar Cerballos Chavez (“El Gaspy”). All were bus U.S. and Mexican authorities. Some were presumably drivers, collectively dubbed Los Choferes (“The Chauf-casualties of the drug wars that periodically rock Ciu-feurs”). Police named Moreno as the ringleader of the dad Juárez, but apparent police involvement in the kid-rape-murder team, collaborating with Abdel Sharif in nappings rekindled dark suspicions. An El Paso–based another copycat scheme intended to spring Sharif from organization, the Association of Relatives and Friends prison. Charged with a total of 20 murders, all suspects of Disappeared Persons, keeps pressure on Chihuahua denied any role in the crimes. Guardado soon recanted authorities to recover the missing, so far without result.

his confession, claiming police torture, while Sharif The advent of a new millennium did not relieve the maintained his innocence and denied any contact with ordeal of Ciudad Juárez. On November 6 and 7, 2001, Los Choferes.

skeletal remains of eight more women were found in a Mexican authorities defended their latest conspiracy vacant lot 300 yards from the Association of

theory, but statistics were against them. Media reports Maquiladoras headquarters, a group representing most published in May 1999 claimed that “nearly 200

of the city’s U.S.-owned factories. Police announced the women” had been murdered since 1993—a substantial creation of a special task force to investigate the mur-jump over October 1998’s estimate of 117. Retired FBI ders, with a $21,500 reward offered for capture of the agent ROBERT RESSLER had no luck PROFILING the killer(s), but the new display of energy consoled no one.

killer(s) or Ciudad Juárez, and a team of active-duty GThe latest victims, ranging in age from 15 to 20, were men likewise returned from the border city empty-allegedly identified on November 10, shortly after police handed. Press reports from the summer of 1999 offered arrested two 28-year-old bus drivers, Javier García body counts ranging from 180 to 190, coupled with Uribe and Gustavo González Meza. Prosecutors blamed reminders that “at least 95 women” were still missing.

García and González for the latest slayings, claiming Chihuahua authorities claimed that FBI leaders had that both men “belong to a gang whose members are endorsed their conviction of Abdel Sharif, while bureau serving time for at least 20 of the rape-murders.” The headquarters denied it.

suspects proclaimed that any jailhouse statements issued Conflicting opinions came from Candice Skrapec, a in their names were the product of torture, their lawyers Canadian-born instructor at California State University received death threats, and one attorney—Mario in Fresno, billed in the press as a “world-renowned Escobedo Jr.—was killed by police on February 5, 2002, expert on serial killers.” In July 1987 Skrapec told the after officers “mistook him for a fugitive.” Eleven weeks *Toronto Star* that “Railway Killer” Angel Maturino later, on April 22, police grudgingly confessed that DNA Reséndez, lately posted to the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted tests had failed to support any of their November victim list on suspicion of multiple murders in the United identifications. Waffling again on November 5, 2002, States, was also a suspect in the slaughter around Ciu-prosecutors declared that new tests had confirmed the dad Juárez. A month later,

Skrapec told the *Toronto* identity of victim Veronica Martínez, while yielding no *Star* that she believed “at least three serial killers are results on the other seven. Gustavo González died on involved in the unsolved murders of 182 women in February 8, 2003, allegedly from complications after Juárez” since 1993. Skrapec went on to say that “there jailhouse surgery. Javier García was still awaiting trial may be even more murders that could be tied to the when this volume went to press.

three suspected serial killers, and [. . .] they were oper-The García and González arrests—bringing the total ating in 1992.” Skrapec spent the summer of 1999

of suspects in custody to 51, by some reports—had no **46**

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effect on the local murder rate. Ten days after the new publicly condemned Mexican officials for their mishan-suspects were jailed, another young woman was found dling of the Chihuahua murder spree. The U.N. report stripped and beaten to death in Ciudad Juárez. On Feb-suggested that drug trafficking “lies at the heart of the ruary 11, 2002, the Inter-American Commission for murders,” while official corruption and incompetence Human Rights dispatched Marta Altolaguirre to inves-render solution of the case impossible. Mincing no tigate reports that would-be protesters were harassed words, the panel said that “the investigation has been and threatened by police. That claim moved Mexican tempered by passiveness and illegality seen in the president Vicente Fox to order a new investigation by obstruction of studies, the slowness in investigating

“federal crime specialists.” Local prosecutors, resentful disappearances, falsification of evidence, harassment of of that order, protested to the *Dallas Morning News* the victims’ families and the use of torture to obtain that “27 of the 76 cases” were solved, while “the other confessions.”

killings involving women have been isolated incidents.”

Special prosecutor María López Urbina, appointed Global publicity only shortened tempers in Ciudad to investigate the crimes in February 2004, issued a pre-Juárez. On March 9, 2002, Texas state legislators liminary report four months later. She found “grave joined in a binational protest march through El Paso.

deficiencies” in the 11-year manhunt, citing 81 specific Jorge Campos Murillo, a deputy attorney general in individuals for negligence or incompetence. The report Mexico City, sparked controversy when he

claimed that denounced specific police officers, state investigators, some of the slayings were committed by “juniors”—

forensic experts, and investigative supervisors, but sons of wealthy Mexican families whose money and spared elected officials from public criticism. López connections spared them from prosecution. (Shortly announced plans to study 50 open cases at a time, with after making those remarks, Campos was transferred to new reports published at four-month intervals until all another job and declined further interviews.) FBI agents the crimes were reviewed. President Fox promptly resumed their investigation in October 2002, but profil-declared, “We have accepted the challenge, considering ing efforts so far have been fruitless. Civic leaders in that it’s our moral duty to clarify the circumstances that Ciudad Juárez remain keenly focused on business. After have given rise to the homicides and to punish the guilty a large wooden cross was erected near the border as a parties.”

memorial to the murdered and missing women, Mayor The murders continue.

Jesús Delgado received protests from the Association of Individual suspects in the Ciudad Juárez slayings, Business Owners and Professionals of Juárez Avenue, identified in media reports but still uncharged at press complaining that the display was “a horrible image for time for this work, include the following:

tourism.” On the same day that protest was filed—September 23, 2002—police found two more women’s

Angel Maturino Reséndez: Condemned and await-corpses in Ciudad Juárez. One victim was strangled and ing execution in Texas, he remains a suspect in partially disrobed; detectives claimed the other had died some of the murders, according to profilers

of a drug overdose, but special investigator David Robert Ressler and Candice Skrapec. No charges Rodríguez was openly skeptical of that verdict. Yet have been filed in Mexico.

another young victim was found on October 8, appar-Armando Martínez: Arrested in 1992 for the murder ently beaten to death.

of a Chihuahua City woman, he was “acciden-

The year 2002 ended badly for image-conscious mer-tally” released and subsequently vanished (along chants in Ciudad Juárez. Mexico’s first lady, Sahagun with his police file). Murder defendant Ana Bena-de Fox, publicly

called for an end to the murders on vides, accused in 1998 of killing and dismember-November 25, as more than a thousand black-garbed ing a Ciudad Juárez couple and their child, claims women marched to protest the sluggish investigation. In Martínez committed the triple murder and framed January 2003, after three more victims were found at her for his crime.

Lomas de Poleo, published estimates of the body count *Carlos Cardenas Cruz and Jorge García Paz:* For-ranged from “nearly 100” to 370. On February 17, mer Mexican federal agents turned fugitives, they 2003, two boys walking their dogs in the desert north-are sought for questioning in the 1998 disappear-east of town found three more corpses, and police ance of 29-year-old Silvia Arce and 24-year-old responding to the scene unearthed a fourth. The latest Griselda Mares, who were allegedly killed by cor-victims, all teenagers, had vanished from downtown rupt police in a “mistaken” dispute over stolen Ciudad Juárez between September 23, 2002, and Feb-weapons.

ruary 4, 2003.

Pedro Valles: An ex-police officer, he was assigned On April 1, 2004, the United Nations Committee on to investigate the Ciudad Juárez murders when he the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women strangled girlfriend Rocio Barrazza Gallegos at **47**

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the state police academy, in September 1998. He police announced plans to prosecute 18 separate remains a fugitive.

cases of illegal organ trafficking in northern Chi-Dagoberto Ramírez: Another Ciudad Juárez police-huahua, but none have yet gone to trial.

man, fired in 1999 after he was accused of murdering his lover. Ramirez was freed upon claiming While the search for a one-size-fits-all solution con-that the woman committed suicide, but his superi-tinues, authorities occasionally discover new viable sus-ors declined to reinstate him.

pects. On October 13, 2004, defendant Javier García *Julio Rodríquez Valenzuela:* A former police chief of Uribe received a 50-year prison term for the rape-murders suburban El Sauzal, accused in April 1999 of

of eight women in Ciudad Juárez, committed during attempting to rape a 16-year-old girl near the site 2000 and 2001. At the same time, Mexican authorities of two previous murders. Chihuahua authorities ruefully admitted that most of city’s maquiladora mur-report that he fled “to El Paso or New Mexico,”

ders—recalculated at 341 since 1993—remain officially and he remains at large.

unsolved.

Sergio Hernández Pereda: A Chihuahua state police As this volume went to press, Mexican courts closed officer until 1997, he has been a fugitive from the books on 12 maquiladora murders in Ciudad Juárez.

murder charges since his wife was slain in 1998.

On January 6, 2005, four bus drivers described as mem-Melchor Baca: A former federal police officer who bers of Los Toltecas gang were convicted of raping and has been a fugitive since 1995, sought on charges murdering six young women. Their prison terms ranged of killing his wife's alleged lover at the courthouse from 40 to 113 years. That same afternoon, another where both were employed.

judge pronounced six members of Los Rebeldes, confined since 1999, guilty of six additional murders.

Conspiracy theories also persist in Ciudad Juárez.

Leader Jesús Manuel Guardado received a 113-year sen-The most popular targets include:

tence, and his codefendants drew 40-year terms.

Rogue police officers: At least 10 women have accused local police officers of kidnapping and sex-CLARK, Douglas Daniel, and BUNDY, Carol Mary ual assault since 1998. No charges have been filed Born in 1948, the son of a retired navy admiral turned in those cases, but investigators say they suspect an international engineer, Douglas Clark had lived in 37

unnamed police officer in the 1995 murders of 29-countries by the time he settled in southern California.

year-old Elizabeth Gómez and 27-year-old Laura He liked to call himself "the king of the one-night Inere.

stands," supplementing his machinist's income through *Drug cartels:* Authorities suspect that some of Chi-affairs with frowzy matrons, reserving his leisure time huahua's murdered and missing women were

for kinky liaisons with underaged girls and young addicts or small-time smugglers, executed because women. In his private moments, he cherished dark fan-they "knew too much." An FBI report from

tasies of rape and murder, mutilation and necrophilia, November 2002 blamed unnamed narco-traffickers yearning for the moment when his

dreams could gradu-for the February 2001 torture slaying of 17-year-ate to grim reality.

old Lilia García, found 100 yards from the spot At age 37, Carol Bundy was typical of Clark's con-where eight other victims were discovered in

quests. A diabetic vocational nurse, the obese mother of 2002.

two had left her abusive husband in January 1979, *High-society sadists:* Taking their cue from Jorge quickly falling in love with the manager of her new Campos Murillo, some police and reporters blame apartment building. A native of Australia, 45-year-old the murders on "a cabal of rich and powerful

John Murray sang part-time at a local country-western men" whose wealth makes them untouchable. No

bar, Little Nashville, but he was never too busy to help suspects have been named.

out a tenant in need. Noting that Bundy suffered from *Satanic cults:* Reviving memories of the drug-cult severe cataracts, Murray drove her to a Social Security murders committed by followers of ADOLFO DE

office and had her declared legally blind, thus bringing JESUS CONSTANZO at Matamoros in the 1980s,

in $620 each month for Carol and her sons. Next, he some Chihuahua residents profess to see an occult took her to an optometrist, where she was fitted for hand at work in local homicides.

glasses, enabling her to discard her white cane. Enrap-Organ harvesters: An urban myth echoed in films and tured, Carol began deliberately clogging the toilets and novels has a grisly resonance in Ciudad Juárez.

drains in her apartment, anything at all to bring the Rumors claim that vital organs were removed from manager around. Soon they were lovers, but Murray several victims. During 2003 and 2004, federal was married, refusing to give up his family. In October **48**

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1979, Carol approached his wife, offering $1,500 if the three weeks when she was found. Like other victims in woman would disappear, but the effort backfired, with the series, she was known to work the Sunset Strip.

Murray berating her and coldly suggesting that she find And the murders continued. On July 25, a young other lodgings.

"Jane Doe" was found on Sunset Boulevard, killed by a Three months later, in January 1980, Carol was pin-shot to the head. Two weeks later,

hikers in the Fern-ing away in Little Nashville when she met Doug Clark, wood area, near Malibu, turned up another unidenti-and he immediately swept her off her feet. Clark moved fied corpse, dismembered by scavengers, a small-caliber into her home the same night, working by day in the bullet hole visible in the skull.

boiler room of a Burbank soap factory, devoting his Despite her hot romance with Clark, Carol Bundy nights to exercises in depravity that made Carol his vir-had continued visiting John Murray at Little Nashville, tual slave. She swallowed her pride when he brought where he performed by night. She did not hold her younger women home for sex, dutifully snapping pho-liquor well, and after dropping several hints about her tographs on command. One of his conquests was an new lover's criminal activities, she was appalled by 11-year-old, picked up while roller skating in a nearby Murray's comment that he might report Doug Clark to park, but Carol made no complaint as kinky sex gave the police. On August 5, she kept a midnight ren-way to pedophilia, increasingly spiced with discussions dezvous with Murray in his van, parked two blocks of death and mutilation.

from the bar, and she killed him there. Found days later, On June 11, 1980, half-sisters Gina Narano, 15, the singer had been stabbed nine times and slashed and Cynthia Chandler, 16, vanished from Huntington across the buttocks, his head severed and missing from Beach, en route to a meeting with friends. They were the murder scene.

found the next morning beside the Ventura Freeway It had become too much for Carol Bundy. Two days near Griffith Park, in Los Angeles; each had been shot after Murray's body was discovered, she broke down in the head with a small-caliber pistol. At home, Clark on the job, sobbing out to a fellow nurse, "I can't take gleefully confessed the murders to Bundy, regaling her it any more. I'm supposed to save lives, not take them."

with how he had forced the girls to perform sexual Her friend tipped police, and they called on Bundy at acts on him, shooting each in the head as they were home, confiscating three pairs of panties removed from completed.

victims as trophies, along with snapshots of Clark and In the predawn hours of June 24, Karen Jones, a 24-his 11-year-old playmate. Arrested on the job in Bur-year-old prostitute, was found behind a Burbank steak-bank, Clark was still in jail four days later when police house, murdered by a single gunshot to the head. Later retrieved a pistol from the boiler room.

Ballistics tests that morning, police were summoned to Studio City, would link the gun to bullets recovered from five of the where another female victim—this one headless—had known “Sunset” victims.

been found by horrified pedestrians. Despite the missing At his trial, serving briefly as his own attorney, Clark head, she was identified as Exxie Wilson, 20, another blamed Carol Bundy and John Murray for the slayings, veteran streetwalker.

contending that they had patterned their crimes after That afternoon, while Carol Bundy’s sons were visit-the case of THEODORE BUNDY. Jurors saw through the ing relatives, Clark surprised her by plucking a flimsy ruse, and on January 28, 1983, they convicted woman’s head from the refrigerator and placing it on Clark across the board, including six counts of first-the kitchen counter. He ordered Carol to make up the degree murder with “special circumstances,” plus one twisted face with cosmetics, and she later recalled, “We count each of attempted murder, mayhem, and mutilat-had a lot of fun with her. I was making her up like a ing human remains. Strutting before the jury during the Barbie with makeup.” Tiring of the game, Clark took penalty phase of his trial, Clark declared, “We have to his trophy to the bathroom for a shower and a bout of vote for the death penalty in this case. The evidence necrophilia.

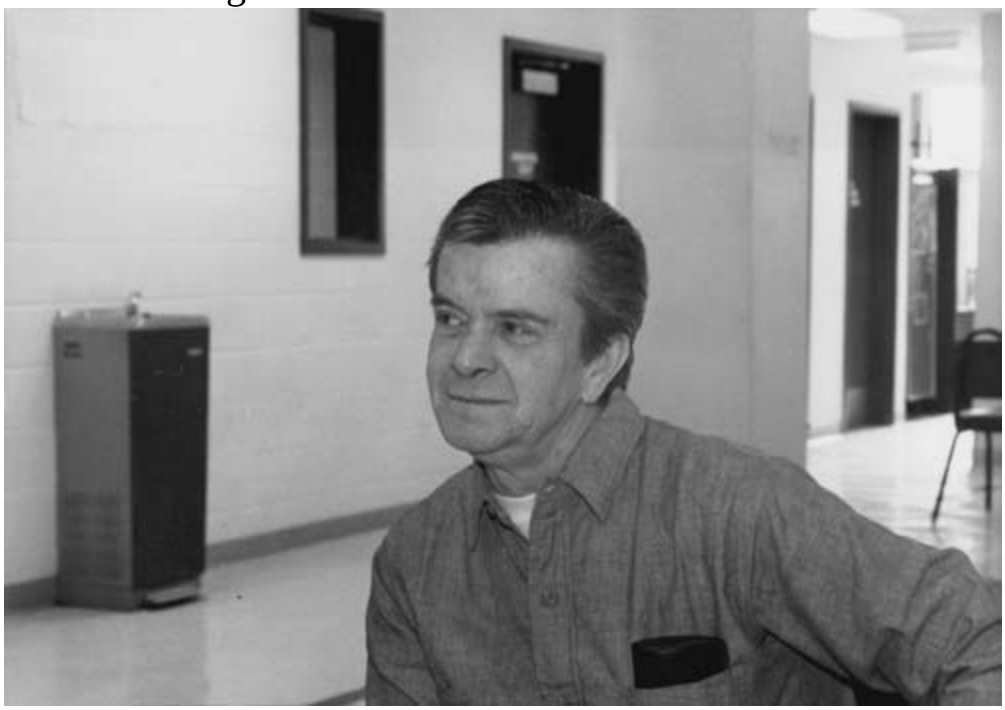
cries out for it.” The panel agreed with his logic, and he Newspaper headlines were already touting the

was sentenced to death on February 15. On death row crimes of a new “Sunset Slayer” by June 27, when at San Quentin, he found himself in good company, Exxie Wilson’s head was found in a Hollywood alley, enjoying daily bridge games with serial slayers WILLIAM

stuffed inside an ornate wooden box. Authorities noted BONIN, RANDY KRAFT, and LAWRENCE BITTAKER.

that it had been thoroughly scrubbed before it was dis-At her own trial for murdering John Murray and one carded by the killer. Three days later, a group of snake of the unidentified females, Carol Bundy first pled hunters near Sylmar, in the San Fernando Valley, turned insanity, then reversed herself and admitted the slay-up a woman’s mummified corpse, identified as Sacra-ings. According to her statement, Murray was shot in mento runaway Marnette Comer. Last seen alive on the head, then decapitated to remove ballistic evidence.

June 1, the 17-year-old prostitute had been dead at least She had also handed Clark the gun with which he shot **49**



COLE, Carroll Edward

an unnamed prostitute, found dead along the Sunset less officers dismissed the murder as an accident. He Strip in July 1980. Convicted on the basis of her own had begun to fight habitually at school and once con- confession, Bundy received consecutive prison terms of trived to maim the winner of a yo-yo contest in which 27 years to life on one count, plus 25 years to life on the Cole had come out second-best: while playing on a other. Bundy died in custody, of heart failure, on piece of road equipment, he engaged the gears and December 9, 2003.

crushed his rival’s hand inside the dozer’s massive treads.

In adolescence, Cole accumulated numerous arrests **COLE, Carroll Edward**

for drunkenness and petty theft. He joined the navy A death wish, once in custody, is not unusual among after dropping out of high school but was discharged compulsive killers. Carroll Edward Cole, admitted mur-for the theft of pistols, which he used to fire at cars derer of 13 persons, was securely serving out a term of along the San Diego highways. Back at home in Rich-life imprisonment in Texas, with parole a possibility in mond, California, during 1960, he attacked two cou-seven years, when he elected voluntarily to face new ples with a hammer as they parked along a darkened

murder charges in Nevada, fully conscious of the fact lover's lane. Increasingly, he cherished fantasies of that he would be condemned to die upon conviction.

strangling girls and women who reminded him of his Once that sentence had been passed, facilitated by his adulterous mother.

guilty plea, Cole staunchly fended off appeals and Finally, alarmed by violent fantasies that would not efforts of assorted liberal groups to interpose them-let him rest, Cole flagged a squad car down in Rich-selves on his behalf. His execution, in December 1985, mond and confessed his urges to police. On the advice immediately paved the way for others in the Western of a police lieutenant, Cole surrendered voluntarily and states, but Cole's significance lies elsewhere—in the spent the next three years in institutions where he was man himself and in the system's failure to prevent his regarded as an "antisocial personality" who posed no crimes.

threat to others. Finally discharged in 1963, he moved When Cole was five years old, his mother forced him to Dallas, Texas, and exacerbated matters by immedi-to accompany her on extramarital excursions in his ately marrying an alcoholic prostitute.

father's absence, using torture to extract a pledge of The grim relationship was doomed to failure, filled silence, making him a bruised accomplice to her own with screaming battles, beatings, and the occasional adultery. As he grew older, Cole was forced to dress in resort to weapons. Finally, in 1965, persuaded that his frilly skirts and petticoats for the amusement of his wife was servicing the tenants of a motel where they mother's friends, dispensing tea and coffee at sadistic lived, Cole torched the place and was imprisoned on an

"parties" where the women gathered to make sport of arson charge. Upon release, he drifted northward,

"Mama's little girl." Enrolled in elementary school two through Missouri and was jailed again for the attempted years behind his peers, Cole grew up fearing for his murder of Virginia Rowden, age 11. Cole had chosen masculinity, intensely sensitive to jokes about his her at random, crept into her room while she was sleep-

"sissy" given name. At nine, he drowned a playmate ing, and had tried to strangle her in bed. Her screams who made fun of him, avoiding punishment when care-had driven him away, and he was readily identified by witnesses as her assailant when police arrived.

Missouri offered Cole more psychiatric treatment through assorted inmate programs, but it didn't take. In 1970, he once again surrendered to authorities—this time in Reno, Nevada—confessing his desire to rape and strangle women. Learned doctors wrote him off as a malingerer and set him free on the condition that he leave the state. Cole's file contains the telling evidence of psychiatric failure: "Prognosis: Poor. Condition on release: Same as on admittance. Treatment: Express bus ticket to San Diego, California."

The problem was exported, but it would not go

away. Within six months of his return to San Diego, Cole would kill at least three women. (On the day before his execution in Nevada, he suggested that there might have been two others in this period, the details of Carroll Edward Cole (Author's collection)

their murders blurred by massive quantities of alcohol.) **50**

CONSTANZO, Adolfo de Jesus

His victims, then and later, shared the common trait of harmless fake, "no danger to society." On two occa-infidelity to husbands, fiancés, or boyfriends; each sions, officers in San Diego literally caught Cole in the approached Cole in a bar, accompanied him to lonely act of an attempted murder—and on each occasion, roads for sex, and laughed about the skill with which they accepted his ridiculous assertion of a lover's quar-she "put one over" on her regular companion.

rel, offering the would-be killer transportation to his Moving eastward, Cole picked off another victim in home. When violent fantasies became reality, investiga-Casper, Wyoming, in August 1975. Assorted jail terms tors with the same department stubbornly ignored per-often interfered with hunting, but he surfaced in Las suasive evidence, rejecting even Cole's confession, Vegas during 1977, staying long enough to kill a prosti-passing off two homicides as drunken accidents, and tute and get himself arrested on a charge of auto theft, dismissing others as the work of angry pimps. In Texas, which was dismissed. A few weeks later, after days of Cole might very well have slipped the net again if he drinking, Cole awoke in Oklahoma City to discover the had not elected to confess in cases where detectives remains of yet another woman in his bathtub; bloody were inclined to view his homicides as "accidental slices of her buttocks rested in a skillet on the stove.

deaths.” In such a case, the system fails not only Carroll Returning once again to San Diego, Cole remar-Edward Cole; it fails us all.

ried—to another “drunken tramp”—and sought the help of local counselors to curb his drinking. Given the conditions of his home life, it was hopeless, and the **CONSTANZO, Adolfo de Jesus**

urge to murder was consuming him, inevitably fueled Born in Miami on November 1, 1962, Adolfo Con-by alcohol, a ravenous obsession. During August 1979, stanzo was the son of a teenage Cuban immigrant. He he strangled Bonnie Stewart on the premises of his was still an infant when his widowed mother moved to employer, dumping her nude body in an alleyway adja-Puerto Rico and married her second husband. There, cent to the store. For weeks he had been threatening to Adolfo was baptized a Catholic and served the church kill his wife—the threats reported to an officer in charge as an altar boy, appearing to accept the standard tenets of supervising his parole—but when he finally suc-of the Roman faith. He was 10 years old when the fam-ceeded in September, the authorities refused to rule her ily moved back to Miami. His stepfather died a year death a homicide. Despite discovery of her body, swad-later, leaving Adolfo and his mother financially well-off.

dled in a blanket and reposing in a closet of Cole’s By that time, neighbors in Little Havana had begun home, despite Cole’s own arrest while drunkenly to notice something odd about Aurora Constanzo and attempting to prepare a grave beneath a neighbor’s her son. Some said the woman was a witch, and those house, detectives viewed the death of Diana Cole as who angered her were likely to discover headless goats

“natural,” related to her own abuse of drink.

or chickens on their doorsteps in the morning. Adolfo’s Taking no chances, Cole hit the road. He claimed mother had introduced him to the Santería religion another victim in Las Vegas, gravitating back to Dallas around age nine, with side trips to Haiti for instruction where, within 11 days in 1980, he would strangle three in Vodun, but there were still more secrets to be more victims. Though discovered at the final murder learned, and in 1976 he was apprenticed to a practi-scene, the victim stretched out at his feet, he was again tioner of *palo mayombe.* His occult “godfather” was regarded merely as a “casual suspect” by detectives.

already rich from working with local drug dealers, and Weary of the game at last, Cole startled them with his he imparted a philosophy that

would follow Adolfo to confession to a string of unsolved homicides; at trial, in his grave: “Let the nonbelievers kill themselves with 1981, his guilty plea insured a term of life with possible drugs. We will profit from their foolishness.”

parole, and he was counting down the days to freedom Constanzo’s mother recalls that her son began dis-when reports of a potential extradition to Nevada playing psychic powers about the same time, scanning changed his mind.

the future to predict such events as the 1981 shooting of The case of Carroll Edward Cole deserves a place President Ronald Reagan. Be that as it may, Adolfo had among the classics as a showcase of “The System’s”

problems foretelling his own future, including two abject failure. As a child, young Eddie Cole was failed arrests for shoplifting—one involving the theft of a by educators who ignored his late enrollment, failed to chainsaw. On the side, he had also begun to display recognize the signs of chronic child abuse, and dealt bisexual inclinations, with a strong preference for male with adolescent violence as a problem to be swept away lovers.

by referral to other agencies. As a potential murderer A modeling assignment took the handsome young

who sought the help of mental institutions, he was sorcerer to Mexico City in 1983, and he spent his free failed by the psychologists and psychoanalysts of half a time telling fortunes with tarot cards in the city’s infa-dozen states, repeatedly discharged as a malingerer, a mous Zona Rosa. Before returning to Miami, Adolfo **51**

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collected his first Mexican disciples, including Martín *federales* to lead the Mexican branch of Interpol. In a Quintana, homosexual “psychic” Jorge Montes, and country where *mordida* (bribery) permeates all levels of Omar Orea, who had been obsessed with the occult law enforcement and federal officers sometimes serve as from age 15. In short order, Constanzo seduced both triggermen for drug smugglers, corruption is not Quintana and Orea, claiming one as his “man” and the unusual, but the devotion of Constanzo’s disciples ran other as his “woman,” depending on Adolfo’s romantic deeper than cash on the line. In or out of uniform, they whim.

worshiped Adolfo as a minor god, their living conduit In mid-1984, Constanzo moved to Mexico City full to the spirit world.

time, seeking what his mother called “new horizons.”

In 1986, Ventura introduced Constanzo to the drug-He shared quarters with Quintana and Orea, in a dealing Calzada family, then one of Mexico’s dominant strange ménage à trois, collecting other followers as his narcotics cartels. Constanzo won the hard-nosed deal-

“magic” reputation spread throughout the city. It was ers over with his charm and mumbo-jumbo, profiting said that Constanzo could read the future, and he also immensely from his contacts with the gang. By early offered *limpias*—ritual “cleansings”—for those who 1987, he was able to pay $60,000 cash for a condo-felt they had been cursed by enemies. Of course, it all minium in Mexico City and buy himself a fleet of lux-cost money, and Constanzo’s journals—recovered after ury cars that included an $80,000 Mercedes Benz.

his death—document 31 regular customers, some pay-When not working magic for the Calzadas or other ing up to $4,500 for a single ceremony. Adolfo estab-clients, Adolfo staged scams of his own, once posing as lished a menu for sacrificial beasts, with roosters going a DEA agent to rip off a coke dealer in Guadalajara and for $6 a head, goats for $30, boa constrictors at $450, selling the stash through his police contacts for a cool adult zebras for $1,100, and African lion cubs listed at $100,000.

$3,100 each.

At some point in his odyssey from juvenile psychic to True to the teachings of his Florida mentor, Con-high-society wizard, Constanzo began to feed his stanzo charmed wealthy drug dealers, helping them *nganga* with the offerings of human sacrifice. No final schedule shipments and meetings on the basis of his tally for his victims is available, but 23 ritual murders predictions. For a price, he also offered magic that are well documented, and Mexican authorities point to would make dealers and their hit men invisible to police a rash of unsolved mutilation-slayings around Mexico and bulletproof against their enemies. It was all nonCity and elsewhere during the time period, suggesting sense, of course, but smugglers drawn from Mexican that Constanzo’s known victims may be only the tip of peasant stock, with a background in *brujería* (witch-a malignant iceberg. In any case, his willingness to tor-craft), were strongly inclined to believe. According to ture and kill total strangers—or even close friends—

Constanzo’s ledgers, one dealer in Mexico City paid duly impressed the ruthless drug dealers who remained him $40,000 for magical services

rendered over three his foremost clients.

years’ time.

In the course of a year’s association, Constanzo came At those rates, the customers demanded a show, and to believe that his magical powers alone were responsi-Constanzo recognized the folly of disappointing men who ble for the Calzada family’s continued success and sur-carried Uzi submachine guns in their armor-plated limou-vival. In April 1987, he demanded a full partnership in sines. Strong medicine required first-rate ingredients, and the syndicate and was curtly refused. On the surface, Adolfo was well established by mid-1985, when he and Constanzo seemed to take the rejection in stride, but his three of his disciples raided a Mexico City graveyard for devious mind was plotting revenge.

human bones to start his own *nganga*—the traditional On April 30, Guillermo Calzada and six members of cauldron of blood employed by practitioners of *palo* his household vanished under mysterious circum-mayombe. The rituals and air of mystery surrounding stances. They were reported missing on May 1, and Constanzo were powerful enough to lure a cross section police noted melted candles and other evidence of a of Mexican society, with his clique of followers including strange religious ceremony at Calzada’s office. Six more a physician, a real estate speculator, fashion models, and days elapsed before officers began fishing mutilated several transvestite nightclub performers.

remains from the Zumpango River. Seven corpses were At first glance, the most peculiar aspect of Con-recovered in the course of a week, all bearing signs of stanzo’s new career was the appeal he seemed to have sadistic torture—fingers, toes and ears removed, hearts for ranking law enforcement officers. At least four and sex organs excised, part of the spine ripped from members of the Federal Judicial Police joined Con-one body, and two other bodies missing their brains.

stanzo’s cult in Mexico City: one of them, Salvador The vanished parts, as it turned out, had gone to feed Garcia, was a commander in charge of narcotics investi-Constanzo’s cauldron of blood, building up his strength gations; another, Florentino Ventura, retired from the for greater conquests yet to come.

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CONSTANZO, Adolfo de Jesus

In July 1987, Salvador Garcia introduced Constanzo he called for fresh meat on February 25, Ovidio Herto another drug-running family, this one led by brothers nandez gladly joined the hunting party, picking off his Elio and Ovidio Hernandez. At the end of that month, own 14-year-old cousin, Jose Garcia, in the heat of the in Matamoros, Constanzo also met 22-year-old Sara moment.

Aldrete, a Mexican national with resident alien status in On March 13, 1989, Constanzo sacrificed yet

the United States, where she attended college in another victim at the ranch, but he was gravely disap-Brownsville, Texas. Adolfo charmed Sara with his line pointed when his prey did not scream and plead for of patter, noting with arch significance that her birth-mercy in the approved style. Disgruntled, he ordered an day—September 6—was the same as his mother's. Sara Anglo for the next ritual, and his minions went on the was dating Brownsville drug smuggler Gilberto Sosa at hunt, abducting 21-year-old Mark Kilroy outside a the time, but she soon wound up in Constanzo's bed, Matamoros saloon. The sacrifice went well enough, fol-Adolfo scuttling the old relationship with an anony-lowed two weeks later by the butchery of Sara Aldrete's mous call to Sosa, revealing Sara's infidelity. With old boyfriend, Gilberto Sosa, but Kilroy's disappear-nowhere else to turn, Sara plunged full-time into Con-ance marked the beginning of the end for Constanzo's stanzo's world, emerging as the *madrina*—godmother homicidal cult.

or "head witch"—of his cult, adding her own twists to A popular premed student from Texas, Mark Kilroy the torture of sacrificial victims.

was not some peasant, transvestite, or small-time Constanzo's rituals became more elaborate and

pusher who could disappear without a trace or an sadistic after he moved his headquarters to a plot of investigation into his fate. With family members and desert called Rancho Santa Elena, 20 miles from Mata-Texas politicians turning up the heat, the search for Kil-moros. There, on May 28, 1988, drug dealer Hector de roy rapidly assumed the trappings of an international la Fuente and farmer Moises Castillo were executed by incident, but in the end Constanzo's own disciples gunfire, but the sacrifice was a disappointment to Con-would destroy him.

stanzo. Back in Mexico City, he directed his drones to By March 1989, Mexican authorities were busy with dismember a transvestite, Ramon

Esquivel, and dump one of their periodic antidrug campaigns, erecting road-the grisly remains on a public street corner. His luck blocks on a whim and sweeping the border districts for was holding, and Constanzo narrowly escaped when unwary smugglers. On April 1, Victor Sauceda, an ex-Houston police raided a drug house in June 1988, seiz-cop turned gangster, was sacrificed at the ranch, and the ing numerous items of occult paraphernalia and the

"spirit message" Constanzo received was optimistic city's largest-ever shipment of cocaine.

enough for his troops to move a half ton of marijuana On August 12, Ovidio Hernandez and his two-year-across the border seven nights later.

old son were kidnapped by rival narcotics dealers, the And then, the magic started to unravel.

family turning to Constanzo for help. That night, On April 9, returning from a Brownsville meeting another human sacrifice was staged at Rancho Santa with Constanzo, cultist Serafin Hernandez drove past a Elena, and the hostages were released unharmed on police roadblock without stopping, ignoring the cars August 13, Adolfo claiming full credit for their safe that set off in hot pursuit. Hernandez believed *el* return. His star was rising, and Constanzo barely *padrino*'s line about invisibility, and he seemed sur-noticed when disciple Florentino Ventura committed prised when officers trailed him to his destination in suicide in Mexico City on September 17, taking his wife Matamoros. Even so, the smuggler was arrogant, invit-and a friend with him in the same burst of gunfire.

ing police to shoot him, since he believed the bullets In November 1988, Constanzo sacrificed disciple would merely bounce off his body.

Jorge Gomez, accused of snorting cocaine in direct vio-They arrested him instead, along with cult member lation of *el padrino*'s ban on drug use. A month later, David Martinez, and drove the pair back to Rancho Adolfo's ties to the Hernandez family were cemented Santa Elena, where a preliminary search turned up mar-with the initiation of Ovidio Hernandez as a full-ijuana and firearms. Disciples Elio Hernandez and Ser-fledged cultist, complete with ritual bloodletting and gio Martinez stumbled into the net while police were on prayers to the *nganga.*

hand, and all four prisoners were interrogated through Human sacrifice can also have its practical side, as the evening, revealing their tales of black

magic, tor-when competing smuggler Ezequiel Luna was tortured ture, and human sacrifice with a perverse kind of pride.

to death at Rancho Santa Elena on February 14, 1989; Next morning, police returned to the ranch in force, two other dealers, Ruben Garza and Ernesto Diaz, wan-discovering the malodorous shed where Constanzo kept dered into the ceremony uninvited and were promptly his *nganga*, brimming with blood, spiders, scorpions, a added to the sacrifice. Conversely, Adolfo sometimes dead black cat, a turtle shell, bones, deer antlers—and a demanded a sacrifice without rhyme or reason. When human brain. Captive cult members directed searchers **53**

CORLL, Dean Arnold

to Constanzo's private cemetery, and excavation began, conviction of criminal association. Constanzo's *mad-revealing 15 mutilated corpses by April 16. In addition rina insisted that she never practiced any religion but to Mark Kilroy and other victims already named, the*

"Christian Santería"; televised reports of the murders at body count included two renegade federal narcotics Rancho Santa Elena, she said, took her by complete officers—Joaquin Manzo and Miguel Garcia—along surprise. Jurors disagreed in 1994 when Sara and four with three men who were never identified.

male accomplices were convicted of multiple murders at The hunt for Constanzo was on, and police raided the ranch; Aldrete was sentenced to 62 years, while her his luxury home in Atizapan, outside Mexico City, on cohorts—including Elio and Serafin Hernandez—drew April 17, discovering stockpiles of gay pornography prison terms of 67 years.

and a hidden ritual chamber. The discoveries at Rancho Santa Elena made international headlines, and sightings of Constanzo were reported as far away as Chicago, ***CORLL, Dean Arnold***

but in fact, he had already returned to Mexico City, Indiana-born on Christmas Eve of 1939, Dean Corll hiding out in a small apartment with Sara Aldrete and grew up in a combative home, his parents quarreling three other disciples. On May 2, thinking to save her-constantly. They divorced while Corll was still an self, Sara tossed a note out the window. It read: infant, then remarried after World War II, but Dean's father provided no stabilizing influence, regarding his Please call the judicial police and tell them that in this children with thinly veiled distaste and resorting to building are those that they are seeking. Tell them that a harsh punishment

for the smallest infractions. When woman is being held hostage. I beg for this, because the couple separated a second time, Corll and his what I want most is to talk—or they're going to kill the younger brother were left with a series of sitters, their girl.

mother working to support the family on her own.

Rheumatic fever left Dean with a heart condition, A passerby found the note, read it, and kept it to resulting in frequent absence from school, and he himself, believing it was someone's lame attempt at seemed to welcome the change when his mother remar-humor. On May 6, neighbors called police to complain ried, moving the family to Texas. A part-time business of a loud, vulgar argument in Constanzo's apartment—

making candy soon expanded to become their liveli-some said accompanied by gunshots. As patrolmen hood, and Corll was generous with samples as he arrived at the scene, Constanzo spotted them and sought to win new friends.

opened fire with an Uzi, touching off a 45-minute battle In 1964, despite his heart condition, Corll was in which, miraculously, only one policeman was drafted into military service, where he displayed the wounded.

first signs of homosexuality. On turning 30, in Decem-When Constanzo realized that escape was impossiber 1969, he seemed to undergo a sudden shift in per-ble, he handed his weapon to cultist Alvaro de Leon sonality, becoming hypersensitive and glum. He began Valdez—a professional hit man nicknamed "El

to spend his time with teenage boys, like David Owen Duby"—with bizarre new orders. As El Duby recalled Brooks and Elmer Wayne Henley, passing out free the scene, "He told me to kill him and Martin [Quin-candy all around, hosting glue- and paint-sniffing par-tana]. I told him I couldn't do it, but he hit me in the ties at his apartment in Pasadena, a suburb of Houston.

face and threatened me that everything would go bad At the same time, he displayed a sadistic streak, leaning for me in hell. Then he hugged Martin, and I just stood toward bondage in his sexual relationship with young in front of them and shot them with a machine gun."

men and boys. On one occasion, during 1970, Brooks Constanzo and Quintana were dead when police

entered the apartment to find Corll nude, with two stormed the apartment, arresting El Duby and Sarah naked boys strapped to a

homemade torture rack.

Aldrete. In the aftermath of the raid, 14 cultists were Embarrassed, Corll released his playmates and offered indicted on various charges, including multiple murder, Brooks a car in return for his promise of silence. Later, weapons and narcotics violations, conspiracy, and as his passion turned to bloodlust, Corll would use obstruction of justice. In August 1990, El Duby was Brooks and Henley as procurers, offering $200 per convicted of killing Constanzo and Quintana, drawing head for fresh victims.

a 30-year prison terms. Cultists Juan Fragosa and Jorge The date of Corll's first murder is uncertain. Brooks Montes were both convicted in the Esquivel murder and placed it sometime in mid-1970, the victim identified as sentenced to 35 years each; Omar Orea, convicted in college student Jeffrey Konen, picked up while hitchhik-the same case, died of AIDS before he could be sen-ing. Most of Corll's victims were drawn from a seedy tenced. Sara Aldrete was acquitted of Constanzo's mur-Houston neighborhood known as the Heights, their disder in 1990 but was sentenced to a six-year term on appearance blithely ignored by police accustomed to

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victims may have been buried around Corll's candy shop, but authorities show no interest in pursuing the case any further.)

In custody, Brooks and Henley confessed their role in procuring victims for Corll through the years, with Brooks fingering Henley as the triggerman in at least one slaying. "Most of the killings that occurred after Wayne came in the picture involved all three of us," he told police. "Wayne seemed to enjoy causing pain."

Convicted of multiple murder in August 1974, Henley was sentenced to life imprisonment, with Brooks drawing an identical term in March 1975. A year later, Houston authorities announced that recent investigations of child pornography had linked other local pedophiles to Corll's murder ring, but no prosecutions were forthcoming. Elmer Henley's conviction was overturned on appeal in December 1978, on the issue of Elmer Henley (center) in custody (Wide World API) pretrial publicity, but he was convicted and sentenced to prison a second time, in June 1979. Both of Corll's accomplices have been eligible for parole since 1983, dealing with runaways. Two were friends and neighbors but their periodic bids for freedom are routinely of Henley, delivered on order to Corll, and sometimes rejected. Henley, meanwhile, has emerged as an accom-the candy man killed two victims at once. In December plished artist, his paintings featured at two Houston 1970, he murdered 14-year-old James Glass and 15-galleries in March of 1998. One of his favorite subjects: year-old David Yates in one sitting. The following beach scenes.

month, brothers Donald and Jerry Waldrop joined the *See also ARTWORK AND MEMORABILIA*

missing list, with Wally Simineaux and Richard Embry slaughtered in October 1972. Another pair of brothers—Billy and Mike Baulch—were killed at separate ***CORONA, Juan Vallejo***

times, in May 1972 and July 1973, respectively. Corll's A native of Mexico, born in 1934, Corona turned up in youngest known victim was a nine-year-old neighbor, Yuba City, California, as a migrant worker in the early residing across the street from Dean's apartment.

1950s. Unlike most of his kind, he stayed on after the On August 8, 1973, a tearful phone call from Elmer harvest, putting down roots and establishing a family, Henley summoned Pasadena police to Corll's flat. They graduating from the role of picker in the fields to found the candy man dead, six bullet holes in his shoul-become a successful labor contractor. By

his mid-thirder and back, with Henley claiming he had killed his ties, Corona was known to ranchers throughout the

"friend" in self-defense. The violence had erupted after county, supplying crews on demand. There was a bit of Henley brought a girl to one of Corll's paint-sniffing trouble during 1970 when a young Mexican was

orgies, driving the homosexual killer into a rage. Corll wounded—his scalp laid open by a machete—in the had threatened Elmer with a gun, then taunted his café run by Corona's homosexual brother, Natividad.

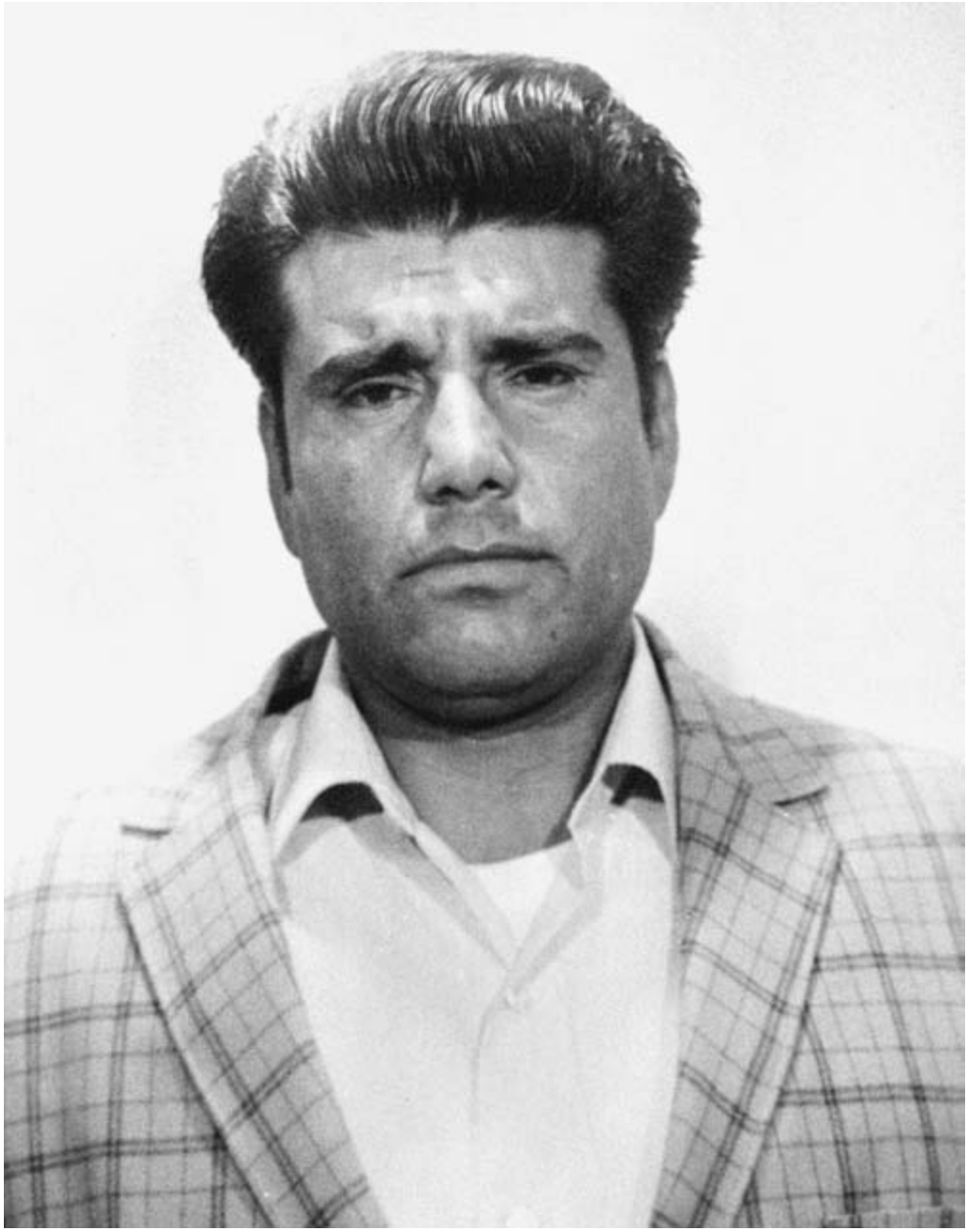
young friend when Henley managed to disarm him.

Upon recovery, the victim filed suit against Natividad Frightened for his life, Henley insisted that he shot Corona, seeking $250,000 in damages, and the accused Corll only to save himself. But there was more.

hacker fled back to Mexico, leaving the case unre-That afternoon, he led detectives to a rented boat solved. No one linked Juan to the crime; its violence shed in southwest Houston, leaving authorities to hoist scarcely seemed to touch his life.

17 corpses from their shallow graves in the earthen And yet. . . .

floor. A drive to Lake Sam Rayburn turned up four On May 19, 1971, a Japanese farmer was touring his more graves, while six others were found on the beach orchard when he noticed a fresh hole, roughly the size at High Island, for a total of 27 dead. Henley insisted of a grave, excavated between two fruit trees. One of there were at least two more bodies in the boat shed, Corona's migrant crews was working nearby, and the plus two more at High Island, but police called off the farmer shrugged it off until that night, when he search, content to know that they had broken Califor-returned and found the hole filled in. Suspicious, he nia's record in the JUAN CORONA case. (Author Jack summoned deputies to the site next morning, and a bit Olsen, in The Man with the Candy, suggests that other of spadework revealed the fresh corpse of transient ***55***



CROSS-DRESSING and Serial Murder

Kenneth Whitacre. The victim had been stabbed, his holics. None of them had been reported missing by surface and skull torn open by the blows of something like viving relatives. The bank and meat receipts placed a cleaver or machete. Detectives logged the case as a sex Juan Corona at the murder scenes, and he was held for crime, after finding pieces of gay literature in Whitacre's trial. Defense attorneys tried to blame the murders on pocket.

Natividad, a known homosexual given to fits of vio-Four days later, workers on a nearby ranch reported lence, but no one could document his presence in Cali-the discovery of a second grave. It yielded the remains fornia during the murder spree. Jurors deliberated 45

of drifter Charles Fleming, but police were still working hours before convicting Corona on all counts in Janu-on identifying him when they found the next burial site, ary 1973. A month later, he was sentenced to 25 con-and the next. In all, they spent nine days exhuming bod-secutive terms of life imprisonment.

ies from the orchard, counting 25 before the search was The case—which set an American record for individ-terminated on June 4. In Melford Sample's grave, ual murder convictions at the time—was not com-deputies found two meat receipts dated May 21, signed pleted, yet. Reports issued in December 1973 linked with the name of "Juan V. Corona." On June 4, Joseph Corona to the death of a 26th victim, but no new Maczak's remains were discovered with two bank charges were filed. In May 1978, an appeals court receipts, bearing the same signature. Some of the ordered a new trial for Corona, finding his prior legal corpses were fresh, while others—like that of Donald defenders incompetent. The retrial was delayed by peri-Smith—had clearly been in the ground for months.

ods of psychiatric observation and a jailhouse stabbing (Medical examiners estimated that the first murders had in 1980, which cost Corona the sight in one eye. Con-occurred about February 1971.) Most of the victims victed again in the spring of 1982, Corona was returned were stabbed or hacked to death, with several bearing to prison with a new sentence of 25 life terms.

signs of homosexual assault. Four of the dead were ultimately unidentified; the rest were migrant workers, rootless drifters, with a sprinkling of skid row alco-CROSS-DRESSING and Serial Murder

While frequently used as a plot device in FICTION AND

FILM portrayals of serial murder (Psycho, Dressed to Kill, Silence of the Lambs etc.), adult transvestism is rare among serial killers. OTTIS TOOLE sometimes donned women's clothes while trolling gay bars for a one-night stand, but when he killed—often without regard to gender—he adopted no particular disguise, as likely to behead a child or run down a hitchhiker as to slay a casual lover.

Perhaps ironically, the point in time when cross-dressing does affect the lives of some male serial killers is in childhood, when they have no choice. In fact, it is worth noting that seven unrelated sex killers were subjected to the identical trauma of compulsory cross-dressing during their formative years. In every case but one, the masquerade was orchestrated by a female relative or guardian, and while their stated motives varied, the results were strikingly consistent.

An exception to the rule of torment by a brutal mother figure was CHARLES MANSON, sent to elementary school in a dress by his uncle, with the sage advice that it would teach him "how to fight and be a man."

HENRY LUCAS was also sent to school in skirts and dainty curls until administrators filed injunctions to prevent his mother from abusing him in public. It is curious (and possibly irrelevant) that Manson and Lucas both suffered their peculiar torment in Virginia in the early 1940s. Further south and 10 years later, Ottis Toole was dressed in petticoats and lace by an older sis-Juan Corona (Wide World API)

ter who treated him as a living "doll." (As an adult,

ironically, he teamed with Lucas for a murder spree that responsible for California's "ZEBRA" MURDERS—are spanned the continent.) In California, CARROLL COLE

aware of the group's illegal aims, does it then cease to was forced to dress as "Mama's little girl" while serving be a cult? And if so, what is it?

coffee to his mother's friends. Yet another Californian, Modern history is rife with examples of cult-related GORDON NORTHCOTT, was habitually dressed as a girl murders, by no means limited to stereotypical practi-by his mentally unbalanced mother until age 16. A tioners of Satanism or black magic. Ervil LeBaron's wicked stepmother was the culprit in Rodney Beeler's polygamous Church of the Lamb of God committed case, her favorite dress-up "punishment" producing a numerous homicides spanning three decades in the serial rapist now sentenced to die for the one murder United States and Mexico, pursuing the 19th-century California authorities are able to prove. And worlds Mormon concept of "blood atonement" for sin. The away, in Ecuador, child-killer Daniel Barbosa bitterly aforementioned "Zebra" killers belonged to a Black recalls the way his mother dressed him as a girl to Muslim splinter group, while ADOLFO CONSTANZO's

“keep him out of trouble” in the seedy barrio they disciples mixed “Christian” Santeria with the Afro-occupied.

Caribbean teachings of palo mayombe. Devotees of the Children subjected to trauma of this sort are prime antisemitic “Christian Identity” creed have robbed candidates for gender confusion and disruption of the banks and murdered select victims as part of their war

“cognitive mapping” that determines future thought against the “Zionist Occupational Government” in patterns, ideally providing control of emotions and Washington, D.C. CHARLES MANSON’s followers killed linking the individual to his social environment. In the seven persons while attempting to spark the American cases noted above, each subject came of age with differ-race war they dubbed “Helter Skelter.” In Japan, mement personality quirks, but all were prone to sudden, bers of Aum Shinrikyo (“Supreme Truth”) unleashed unpredictable violence. Toole and Northcott were nerve gas on crowded subways in obedience to orders openly gay, the former killing indiscriminately, while from their mad guru.

the latter preyed exclusively on boys. Lucas was As with any other case involving TEAM KILLERS, cult another indiscriminate killer, though he favored female murders may spring from any of the MOTIVES that drive victims. Manson was a hard-line career criminal, spe-homicidal individuals. Profit, power, sex, revenge—all cializing in auto theft and prison life before an unwel-these and more have mingled with religion throughout come parole propelled him into the 1960s drug culture, history, producing deeds that scandalize mild-mannered with youthful runaways ripe for the picking. After one sects. Few violent cults have been as flagrantly merce-impulsive murder in childhood, Cole restricted his mur-nary as the Persian Assassins or lasted as long as the ders to women who reminded him of his drunken, adul-Kali-worshiping Thugs (responsible for 40,000 ritual terous mother. Barbosa, for his part, killed

murders in the year 1812 alone), but each has done its children—more than 70 in all—preferring a machete as part to tarnish the name of religion in general and that his weapon of choice.

of “unorthodox” sects in particular.

See also CHILDHOOD TRAUMA; WARNING SIGNS

Despite its social and political advances since the 1960s, Africa remains a “dark continent” in some respects, including cult-related homicides. Nigeria is a ***CULTS and Serial Murder***

grim case in point, with ritual murders reported from There is no standard, universally accepted definition of the 1930s to the present day. In 1989, Nigerian author what constitutes a "cult." J. Gordon Melton, in his Wilson Asekombe claimed that "human sacrifice will Encyclopedic Handbook of Cults in America (1986), soon become the number two cause of death in West defines the term as "a pejorative label used to describe Africa, second only to traffic accidents." Although such certain religious groups outside the mainstream of homicides, like all homicides, are banned by law, blood Western religion." Six years later, the FBI Crime Classi- sacrifices continue in the 21st century. Thirty-three resi-fication Manual further complicated matters by describ-dents of Igboland faced trial in May 2002, on charges ing a cult as "a body of adherents with excessive of illegally possessing fresh human remains. Three devotion or dedication to ideas, objects, or persons, months later, a two-week spate of cult mayhem in Cal-regarded as unorthodox or spurious and whose primary abar, Nigeria, left 11 victims hacked and shot to death.

objectives of sex, power, and/or money are unknown to Police deployed in armored vehicles failed to apprehend the general membership." The FBI's definition leaves the transient killers.

critical questions unanswered: Who decides when devo- Uganda produced even more shocking revelations in tion is "excessive" and which ideas (much less persons) October 1999, as police unearthed 24 corpses at a are "unorthodox or spurious"? If all members of a reli- camp run by Wilson Bushara's Doctrine of Brotherhood gious group—like the self-styled "Death Angels"

sect. If that discovery was not bad enough, a second

cult—Gredonia Mwerinda's Movement for the Restora- sure-hunters was uncovered at Hyderabad. Members of tion of the Ten Commandments—fell under scrutiny in the cult indulge in CANNIBALISM, police maintain, using March 2000. On March 25, police exhumed 153 bod- human flesh in puja rites to help them find hidden ies from three mass graves at the cult's rural compound, wealth.

a tally that mounted to 778 by July 7, 2000. While Halfway around the world, in Brazil, authorities some reports described Mwerinda's sect as a "suicide blamed a black magic cult for the mutilation-murders of cult," police reported that some of the victims had been 20 boys, aged nine to 14,

in the decade preceding Octo-strangled and hacked to death. Media reports indicate ber 2001. Many of the victims were sexually assaulted that Mwerinda escaped and has thus far eluded police.

prior to death, and most were castrated. Ritual objects, South Africa is another hotbed of human sacrifice, including black ribbons and black candle wax, were where human flesh and organs are prized as muti (med- found near the bodies. James Cavallaro, spokesman for icine) in various occult ceremonies. September 2003

the human rights group Global Justice, complained to brought accusations against a ritual "healer" in Eaton-the Organization of American States (OAS), reporting side, after a three-year-old neighbor was slain, his body that "[t]he investigation has been abysmal despite the discarded minus brain, heart and other vital organs.

gravity of the cases and the proof is we have 20 corpses That murder was the third suspected muti case in three and no convictions." The OAS accepted Cavallaro's weeks. On September 9, police in Free State Province petition and called upon Brazilian leaders to defend their arrested six men for trying to sell a human head, hands lack of progress in the case, but no further reports have and feet, genitals, heart, and intestines. On September emerged from the region thus far.

20, picnickers found the head of a murdered five-year-In Honduras, meanwhile, 2001 brought reports that old child floating near a dam outside Johannesburg.

police in Tegucigalpa were investigating local gangs Few such crimes are solved, and British authorities fear suspected of graduating from satanic animal sacrifices they may have spilled over to London, after a child's to kidnapping and murdering children. Inspector Flo-dismembered corpse was pulled from the Thames. An rencio Oseguera, chief of Tegucigalpa's gang crime African immigrant was charged in that case, and had division, reported that the headless corpse of one miss-yet to face trial when this work went to press.

ing boy had been found in June. "The boy," he said, Echoes of the Thug cult sounded from India in July

"as well as being without a head and bloodied, had 1997, when Calcutta University professor Bratindra symbols and markings on his body, in women's eye-Mukherjee declared that "human sacrifice is once again liner, just like the cats and hens that were found in being practiced in the

name of God." A 40-year student areas where the gangs are known to have performed of Indian cults, Mukherjee reported a dramatic rise in Satanic rites." A specific gang, Los Rockeros (the child abductions during the past 18 months, alleging Rockers), was under scrutiny in that case, but no that many of those snatched from home and the streets arrests resulted. Similar charges of satanic activity had been ritually murdered. Sankarshan Ray, an Indian emerged from Italy in 2004, where police accused cult scientist ostracized by peers after he published a report members of multiple murders committed by the elusive on child sacrifice, told journalists, "There are things

"MONSTER OF FLORENCE." On July 30, 2004, police in going on, practices and rites, which nobody wants to Milan jailed eight Satanists on charges of killing five admit are taking place." That judgment was confirmed victims since 1998.

in March 2002, when "a nameless sect" of occult trea-58

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DAGLIS, Andonis

graduation from high school, Dahmer crossed the line Dubbed the "Athens Ripper," this Greek serial slayer from morbid "experimentation" to murder. He was liv-raped and strangled three prostitutes between 1993

and ing alone at the time, his parents having separated and 1995, afterward cutting their bodies up with a chain-fled, neither one thinking to take Jeff along. His victim saw and scattering the bloody pieces along outlying was hitchhiker Steven Hicks, whom Dahmer took

highways. A rather inefficient killer, he also attempted home for a drink and some laughs. When Hicks tried to murder six other women during the same period, but to leave, Dahmer crushed his skull with a barbell, they managed to escape his clutches. One, British strangled him to death, then dismembered and buried national Ann Hamson, talked her way out of danger by his corpse.

persuading Daglis she was not, in fact, a prostitute. Por-That first slaying shocked Jeffrey back to a semblance tions of his trial were televised in 1996, including the of normality. He took a brief shot at college, then signed Ripper's public confession to various crimes charged up for a six-year term of military service, but the army against him. On January 23, 1997, Daglis was con-discharged him after barely two years, fed up with his victed on multiple counts, including three rape-slayings and six attempted murders. He was sentenced to 13

terms of life imprisonment, presumably enough to keep him off the street for the remainder of his life.

DAHMER, Jeffrey Lionel

Milwaukee born in 1960, Jeffrey Dahmer moved to Ohio with his family at age six. In 1968 he was sexually molested by a neighbor boy in rural Bath Township.

Unreported at the time, the childhood incident may play a pivotal role in understanding Dahmer's subsequent crimes; likewise, the ferocious arguments between his parents (later divorced) clearly demonstrated to Dahmer that home was no safe haven for a child.

By age 10, Dahmer was "experimenting" with dead animals: decapitating rodents, bleaching chicken bones with acid, nailing a dog's carcass to a tree and mounting its head on a stake. In June 1978, days after his Jeffrey Dahmer in court (Author's collection)

DAHMER, Jeffrey Lionel

Forensics experts search for remains of Dahmer victims. (Wide World API) heavy drinking. (Later speculation on his possible link to Meanwhile, on March 25, Dahmer slaughtered victim several unsolved murders in Germany, committed while Anthony Sears.

Dahmer was stationed there, produced no concrete evi-Sentenced to one year in jail, Dahmer was released dence.) In 1982, he moved into his grandmother's house after serving 10 months. The death parade resumed in West Allis, Wisconsin. That August, Dahmer logged with Edward Smith in June 1990. July's victim was an arrest for indecent exposure at the state fair. Identical Raymond Smith (no relation to Edward). Ernest Miller charges were filed in September 1986 when two boys and David Thomas were butchered in September. Dah-accused Dahmer of masturbating in public. Convicted of mer bagged Curtis Straughter in February 1991. Errol disorderly conduct in that case, he received a one-year Lindsey joined the list in April, followed by Anthony suspended sentence with orders for counseling.

Hughes in May.

On September 15, 1987, Steven Tuomi vanished in By that time, Dahmer had conceived the bizarre Milwaukee, the mystery unsolved until Dahmer con-notion of creating "zombies" who would be his live-in fessed to his murder in 1991. James Doxtator was the sex toys, obedient to his every

whim. Instead of using next to die, in January 1988, followed by Richard voodoo, Jeffrey opted for a more direct approach, Guerrero on March 24. By September 1988, Jeffrey's drilling holes in the selected victim's skull, then dribbling odd hours and the stench of his "experiments" had caustic liquids into the wounds in an effort to destroy become too much for his grandmother, and he was the subject's conscious will. Needless to say, the weird asked to move out. On September 25 he found an approach to neurosurgery had a 100 percent failure apartment on Milwaukee's North 25th Street.

rate, and none of Dahmer's favored "patients" survived.

The next day, Dahmer lured a Laotian boy to his flat, One almost got away, however. Konerak Sinthasom-fondled him, and offered cash for a nude modeling ses-phone was a brother of the youth Dahmer molested in sion. Police were called, and Dahmer was charged with 1988. Missing from home on May 16, 1991, he was sexual assault. Convicted in January 1989, he remained next seen the following day—naked, dazed, and bleed-free pending a formal sentencing scheduled for May.

ing from head wounds—when neighbors reported his ***60***

"DISORGANIZED" Killers

plight to Milwaukee police. Officers questioned Dah-hometown between 1918 and 1924. His tenants affec-mer, who described Konerak as his adult homosexual tionately called him "Papa," and Denke was also well lover, and since Konerak spoke no English, they liked in the community at large, serving as the organ returned the youth to Dahmer's custody . . . and to his blower for his local church. On the side, in three death. (When news of the blunder broke, following years' time, he also murdered and devoured a mini-Dahmer's arrest on murder charges, the two patrolmen mum of 30 victims.

were briefly suspended from duty, then reinstated when On December 21, 1924, one of Denke's tenants, a they threatened civil suits against the city.) coachman named Gabriel, heard cries for help that The juggernaut rolled on: Matt Turner killed on June seemed to emanate from Denke's downstairs flat.

30; Jeremiah Weinberger on July 7; Oliver Lacy on July Afraid the landlord might be injured, Gabriel rushed 15; Joseph Brandehoft four days later. In addition to down to help . . . and found a young man staggering raping, murdering, and dismembering his victims, Dah-along the corridor,

blood streaming from his lacerated mer also sampled CANNIBALISM with at least one scalp. Before he fell unconscious on the floor, the corpse, though he denied it was his common practice.

stranger blurted out that "Papa" Denke had attacked Tracy Edwards was lucky, escaping from Dahmer's him with an ax.

apartment on July 22 with handcuffs still dangling from Police were summoned and arrested Denke, scouring one wrist. He flagged a squad car down and led police his flat for evidence. They turned up identification back to Dahmer's flat at the Oxford Apartments, where papers for twelve traveling journeymen, plus assorted the dissected remains of 11 victims were found in acid items of male clothing. In the kitchen, two large tubs vats and the refrigerator. In a touch reminiscent of held meat pickled in brine; together with the assorted another Wisconsin necrophile, EDWARD GEIN, Dahmer bones and pots of fat they also found, detectives reck-had built a makeshift altar in his bedroom, decorated oned that it added up to 31 victims, more or less. In with candles and human skulls.

Denke's ledger, they found listed names and dates, with By August 22, 1991, Dahmer had been charged with the respective weights of bodies he had pickled dating 15 counts of murder. At his trial, beginning on January back to 1921. According to that record, Denke seemed 30, 1992, Dahmer filed a plea of guilty but insane. Two to specialize in slaying beggars, tramps, and journey-weeks later, on February 15, jurors found him sane and men who seemed unlikely to be missed around the responsible for his actions. The court imposed 15 con-neighborhood.

secutive life sentences, thus requiring Dahmer to serve a No evidence of sexual assault was ever publicized in minimum of 936 years. (He was subsequently charged Denke's case, and homicide investigators were unable with the Hicks murder, in Ohio, but was never brought to explain his actions. Shortly after his arrest, the canni-to trial.)

bal killer hanged himself with his suspenders, in his cell, In prison, Dahmer refused offers of protective cus-leaving generations of historians to speculate in vain tody despite the many threats against his life. On July 3, about his motives.

1994, another convict tried to slash his throat in the prison chapel, but Dahmer emerged from the incident with only minor scratches and refused to press charges.

"DISORGANIZED" Killers

Five months later, on November 28, he was cleaning a The polar opposite of so-called ORGANIZED KILLERS in bathroom adjacent to the prison gym when another the FBI scheme of psychological PROFILING, these member of the work detail, 25-year-old Christopher offenders appear to have three strikes against them Scarver, grabbed an iron bar from a nearby exercise before they begin. They do everything wrong, from the machine and smashed Dahmer's skull, killing him first impulsive act to their desertion of a chaotic, clue-instantly. A second inmate, 37-year-old Jesse Anderson, ridden crime scene . . . and yet, some of them still go on was mortally wounded in the same attack, dying two to kill and kill again for years on end, if they are ever days later. A racial motive was initially suspected in the caught at all.

murder since Scarver, like many of Dahmer's victims, The "normal" disorganized killer is possessed of aver-was black, but a closer look determined that the killer age intelligence at best, sometimes mentally retarded, was deranged, believing himself to be the "son of God,"

nearly always socially immature. The offender mirrors acting out his "father's" command.

his father's unstable work record by quitting or losing one job after another, rarely qualifying for a skilled occupation. His (or her) social life is equally barren: the ***DENKE, Karl***

offender typically lives alone and is sexually incompe-A native of Munsterberg, Silesia—now Ziebice,

tent, sometimes virginal. (Strangler Harvey Glatman Poland—Denke operated a rooming house in his

experienced sex for the first time at age 29 when he ***61***

DOUGLAS, John Edward

raped his first murder victim). The disorganized killer Crimes Unit that investigated kidnappings, bank rob-rarely drinks to bolster his courage, since his crimes are beries, and similar federal crimes. A year later, trans-impulsive and largely unplanned. No serious precipitat-ferred to Milwaukee, he filled a similar position, ing stress is seen; rather, the killer strikes at random, doubling as a member of the FBI's SWAT team.

almost whimsically, without thinking through his Recalled to the FBI Academy in 1975 for training in actions. He frequently lives and/or works near the crime hostage negotiation, Douglas met instructor and fellow scene, perhaps attacking a neighbor, and displays little agent ROBERT

RESSLER, assigned to the Behavioral Sci-interest in media coverage of the case. Too distracted or ence Unit. They hit it off, and Ressler recommended dim-witted to recognize danger, he seldom makes any Douglas for a job with BSU in June 1977. Together and dramatic changes in lifestyle to avoid detection.

separately, they conducted many prison interviews with A disorganized crime scene reeks of spontaneity. The convicted killers over the next six years as part of the victim is often known to his attacker, and perhaps for BSU's Criminal Personality Research Project, leading to that reason, the slayer often depersonalizes his prey (as creation of VICAP, the Violent Criminal Apprehension in disfiguring or covering the face). The kill itself is fre-Program, in 1985. Ressler retired five years later, and quently a "blitz" attack with little or no conversation, Douglas replaced him as the chief of BSU—renamed worlds apart from the "organized" slayer's technique of Investigative Support Services—and held that post until scripted seduction. Because they are normally killed or his own retirement in 1995.

disabled in seconds, victims are seldom bound or tor-Although involved at the periphery of many infa-tured; any sexual assault is likely to be carried out upon mous serial murder cases, often described as the model the corpse. Because he gives so little thought to capture, for fictional G-man Jack Crawford in the novels Red the disorganized slayer rarely transports or conceals his Dragon and The Silence of the Lambs, Douglas did not kills, leaving bodies where they fall and are easily pursue and arrest serial killers himself. Still, the job had found. Little or no effort is made to clean up the crime its dangers, including a schedule so hectic and stressful scene, conceal weapons, or eradicate such evidence as that it drove Douglas to a near-fatal brain hemorrhage semen stains and fingerprints.

in December 1983 while visiting Seattle to consult on It would appear, from those criteria, that every disorthe case of the "GREEN RIVER KILLER."

ganized killer should be caught after the first or second Although he was interviewed frequently and gave murder, but such is not always the case. Some, like countless lectures while serving with the FBI, true fame Sacramento vampire Richard Trenton Chase, embark on found Douglas in retirement, with several best-selling such ferocious killing sprees that they outrun investiga-books, countless TV talk-show appearances, and a tors for a time through sheer momentum and rack up a lucrative sideline in private

consultation on criminal fair body count in the process. Others, like Wisconsin's cases such as the infamous JonBenét Ramsey murder in EDWARD GEIN, are blessed by circumstance—remote Boulder, Colorado. Books coauthored by Douglas in locations or particularly unobservant neighbors—so the subject area of serial murder include Sexual Homi-that they can kill for years, even decades on end, with-cide (1988); the FBI's Crime Classification Manual out being exposed.

(1992); Mind Hunter (1995); Unabomber (1996); Jour-See also MODUS OPERANDI; MOTIVES; VICAP

ney Into Darkness (1997); Obsession (1998); The Anatomy of Motive (1999); The Cases That Haunt Us (2000), and Anyone You Want Me to Be (2003).

***DOUGLAS, John Edward:** FBI profiler*

Ironically, Douglas's celebrity has evoked public hos-A Brooklyn native, born in 1945, Douglas is the first to tility from his one-time mentor, Robert Ressler, criticiz-admit that he was "no academic standout" in high ing Douglas for his "flamboyance" and denouncing school. Having been rejected by Cornell University, he claims that Douglas "went face-to-face with JOHN

wound up enrolling at Montana State, in Bozeman, GACY," when prison records show they never met. (In where he struggled to maintain a "D" average. In fairness to Douglas, the claim was apparently made by 1966, with the war in Vietnam heating up, Douglas a press agent, rather than Douglas himself; it appears joined the U.S. Air Force to avoid an army draft and nowhere in his published books.) When Douglas hired was stationed in New Mexico, where he finished earn-on with the Ramsey defense team in Boulder, announcing his BA. He also became fast friends with a local FBI ing his "gut instinct" that the victim's parents were agent, who urged him to apply for a job with the innocent of her murder, Ressler publicly questioned his Bureau after his discharge from military service in judgment, describing Douglas in one interview as "a 1970.

Hollywood type of guy." Douglas, for his part, has thus Douglas was accepted by the FBI and spent his first far declined to participate in public squabbling with his year as an agent in Detroit, assigned to the Reactive former boss.

DUTROUX, Marc

DURRANT, William Henry Theodore

finally hanged on April 3, 1897—the very anniversary At first glance, Theodore Durrant appeared to be what of Blanche Lamont's brutal murder.

well-placed women and their single daughters would In 1999, author Robert Graysmith suggested that call a "good catch." Still in his twenties, courteous, well Durrant was innocent of any wrongdoing, the victim of groomed, a doctor in training at San Francisco's Cooper a frame-up by clumsy police and his own pastor at Medical College, he was also devoutly religious, serving Emmanuel Baptist, Rev. John Gibson. It was Gibson, as assistant superintendent for the regular Sunday Graysmith claims, who murdered Blanche Lamont and school at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Unknown to those Minnie Williams. More startling yet, Graysmith also around him, though, the young man had a darker side.

names Gibson as London's elusive "JACK THE RIPPER."

His dual obsessions were religion and sex, although in Sadly, for Durrant's supporters, no evidence exists link-the latter field, he would confide to a fellow med stu-ing "Pastor Jack" Gibson to either crime series, and dent, "I have no knowledge of women."

Graysmith's credibility is undermined by inclusion of That didn't stop young ladies from being drawn to fabricated "diary" excerpts, penned while posthu-Durrant like moths to a flame, however, and one of his mously delving Durrant's private thoughts.

strongest admirers was 18-year-old Blanche Lamont, a parishioner at Emmanuel Baptist. On April 3, 1895, they were seen together by numerous witness, making ***DUTROUX, Marc***

their way toward the church, where Blanche was last No serial killer since London's "JACK THE RIPPER" has seen alive on the sidewalk outside. She had been miss-produced social and political upheaval on a par with ing several days, curiously unreported by her family, Belgium's Marc Dutroux. A pedophile and alleged child when Durrant began dropping broad hints that she pornographer, Dutroux murdered at least five victims might have "gone astray." On the side, he was pawning during the period 1995–96, and some reports suggest a her jewelry and pocketing the cash.

final body count that rivals JEFFREY DAHMER's. It was Police were clueless as to Blanche's whereabouts, but not Dutroux's brutality or the tender age of his victims, another young woman at Emmanuel Baptist, 21-year-however, that sparked public outcry and high-level gov-old Minnie

Williams, was talking her head off, telling ernment resignations in Belgium. Rather, the upheaval friends that she "knew too much" about the case, hint-stemmed from his claims that he served as "a cog" in a ing darkly that Blanche had met with foul play. On sinister network of rich child molesters whose tentacles April 12, Minnie was seen arguing with Theo Durrant spanned western Europe.

on the street outside the church, but they seemed to The nightmare began on June 24, 1995, when two patch things up, and she was holding his arm, cuddling eight-year-old girls, Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo, van-close, as they went back inside.

ished while playing near their homes in Grace-Hollogne, Next morning, a Saturday, members of the church eastern Belgium. Two months later, on August 23, 19-Ladies Society were stunned to find Minnie's lifeless, year-old Eefje Lambrecks and 17-year-old An Marchal blood-smeared body wedged inside a church cupboard.

disappeared on a holiday visit to the seaport town of Half naked, she had been stabbed in both breasts, her Ostend. Twelve-year-old Sabine Dardenne went missing wrists slashed, and her own underwear jammed in her on May 28, 1996, while riding her bicycle to school in mouth. Police waited a day before searching the rest of Kain, southwestern Belgium. Laetitia Delhez, age 14, the church, thereby disrupting Easter Sunday services, dropped from sight on December 6, 1995, homeward but it was worth the effort. Once they forced the bound from a public swimming pool in the southeastern boarded-up door to Emmanuel Baptist's 120-foot bel-town of Bertrix.

fry, they found Blanche Lamont's body; she was naked, Marc Dutroux was well known to police when the strangled, rape after death, her clothing packed into the girls disappeared. The eldest of five children, born in belfry rafters. Her corpse had been arranged so neatly, Brussels in November 1956, he assumed the life of a head propped up on wooden blocks, that police imme-transient prostitute after his parents (both teachers) diately cast about for "someone who knows something separated in 1971. Married for the first time at age 20, about medicine."

Dutroux sired two sons, but flagrant adultery and spo-Theo Durrant was a natural suspect, all things con-radic wife-beating doomed that relationship in the sidered, and he was swiftly indicted for Blanche Lam-early 1980s. By then, he had already logged the first in ont's murder.

Conviction for the "Monster of the a series of convictions for theft, mugging, drug deal-Belfry" was even more rapid, jurors setting a new ing, and selling stolen cars. Dutroux soon married one record with deliberations lasting barely five minutes.

of his mistresses, Michelle Martin, and his record went Durrant was sentenced to die, and while appeals from bad to worse. In 1986, Dutroux and Michelle delayed his execution for nearly two years, he was were arrested for kidnapping and raping five girls.

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Both were convicted and sentenced to prison in 1989, Ripples of panic spread swiftly, including media alle-but Dutroux's 13-year term was cut short in 1992, gations of an international pedophile ring and suspicion parole granted under a government program designed that Dutroux might have murdered a fifth girl, reported to keep close watch on known sex offenders.

missing from Slovenia. No charges were filed in that Dutroux's own mother opposed his release, warning case, or in 12 other slayings mentioned in various prison officials, "I have known for a long time and media reports, but the charges filed against Dutroux with good cause my eldest's temperament. What I do and company were serious enough. Police returned not know, and what all the people who know him fear, empty-handed from their search of a flooded coal mine

[is] what he has in mind for the future." Nonetheless, on property owned by Dutroux—he had described the Dutroux was freed with a bonus, receiving a monthly site as "interesting"—and Dutroux's attorney com-invalid's pension of $1,162.

plained of death threats and desertion by longstanding Back on the street, Dutroux returned to his criminal clients. Protesters jeered outside Belgium's High Court trade and compiled a fortune adequate to purchase and on October 15, after the five-judge panel removed maintain seven homes. In 1993, informer Claud Thi-investigating judge Jean-Marc Connerotte from

rault told detectives that Dutroux had built a concrete Dutroux's case on grounds of bias (he had attended a bunker under one of his homes, intended as a holding fund-raiser for the victims' families). Two weeks later, pen for kidnapped girls whom he would sell to

300,000 angry Belgians marched through Brussels, pedophiles abroad. Dutroux had offered Thirault protesting inept police handling of the case.

$3,500 per head for any victims procured of a certain Confined at Arlon, in southeastern Belgium,

type—long-haired, slender and prepubescent—but Dutroux was swamped with fan mail and cash from police ignored the warning. Two years later, an internal strange GROUPIES, even while the general public con-memo was finally issued, recording the details of Thi-demned him as a beast in human form. On December rault's report. Police called on Dutroux in June 1995, 22, 1996, he recommended that police search the aban-after Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo disappeared.

doned coal mines once more, but officers demurred, While searching Dutroux's house, the officers heard suspecting a practical joke. One lawman told reporters, muffled screams from somewhere close at hand, but

"I can just imagine that bastard enjoying the television they accepted Dutroux's explanation that the sounds pictures of us digging away in the cold and wet." For-came from children playing outside. Six months later, mal indictments were issued on February 2, 1997, Dutroux was charged with auto theft and other crimes.

charging Dutroux with five counts of murder, plus Subsequently convicted at trial, he served nearly four charges of kidnapping, rape, auto theft, and "criminal months in prison, but emerged in time to snatch Sabine association." Michel Lelievre faced charges of kidnap-Dardenne from Kain.

ping, rape, and drug possession, Michel Nihoul was The net finally closed on August 13, 1996, when charged with kidnapping, and Michelle Martin was police arrested Dutroux, Michelle Martin (now his ex-charged with conspiracy to kidnap.

wife), and 24-year-old Michel Lelievre in Sars-la-Buis-Controversy continued as the case made its way sière, southern Belgium. Two days later, Dutroux led through Belgian courts with glacial speed. On April 9, detectives to his home in Charleroi, a suburb of 1997, a report from parliament condemned the police Marcinelle, where Sabine Dardenne and Laetitia Delhez investigation of Dutroux as "inhumane, inept, ineffi-were found alive in a makeshift basement dungeon. Both cient and ill-equipped." Protest demonstrations marked girls were malnourished; both had been drugged and sex-the second anniversary of the Lejeune-Russo abduc-ually abused. On August 16, soon after police detained a tions in June 1997.

Four months later, parliament's fourth suspect, 54-year-old businessman Jean-Michel Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights Nihoul, Dutroux confessed to kidnapping Eefje Lam-demanded the resignation of Belgian judge Melchior brecks and An Marchal. One day later, he admitted mur-Wathelet, who approved Dutroux's parole in 1992, dering both girls and added the name of suspected from the European Court of Justice. In February 1998, accomplice Bernard Weinstein to the hit list. That after- after parliament rejected claims of an official cover-up, noon, Dutroux led police to his Sars-la-Buissière propAn Marchal's father denounced the report as a white-erty, where the bodies of Weinstein and two other wash. "The traditional parties in power," he said, missing girls—Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo—were

"have once again managed to protect themselves. They pulled from graves in his backyard. By nightfall, Dutroux are laughing at the death of my daughter and the other and company were charged with kidnapping and mur-ones." Dutroux escaped from custody on April 23, der. On September 2, 1996, police found Eefje Lam-1998, during a trip to the Neufchâteau courthouse, but brecks and An Marchal buried beneath a garden shed at his stolen car bogged down in mud near Straitmont, Weinstein's home, in the Charleroi suburb of Jumet.

and he was soon recaptured. Resignations ensued, ***64***

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beginning with those of Interior Minister Johan Vande regarded them as "savage beasts" who might attack her, Lanmotte and Justice Minister Stefaan De Clerck on but insisted that both girls were still alive when the same day, followed by Gendarmerie commander Dutroux left jail. The end had been quicker for Eefje Willy De Ridder on April 28.

Lambrecks and An Marchal, who were drugged,

Two months later, on June 27, the Belgian Justice bound, and buried alive.

Ministry announced that Dutroux's murder trial would Judge Jean-Marc Connerotte wept while testifying on not commence before September 2000 "because

March 4, describing death threats and high-level intrigue inquiries into Dutroux's alleged child sex crimes are not that obstructed his pursuit of Dutroux's case. "Never complete." That estimate proved wildly optimistic, before in Belgium," he declared, "has an investigating though Dutroux faced trial for his jailbreak in March judge at the service of the king been subjected to such 2000. Belgium had no law against escape from custody, pressure." Upon their release from the dungeon, Con-but Dutroux faced charges of car theft, assaulting a nerotte recalled, survivors Dardenne and Delhez "didn't police officer, and stealing the officer's pistol. Smiling at want to come out" until urged by Dutroux. "They the outset of those proceedings on March 20, Dutroux thanked Dutroux," said Connerotte. "It was absolutely listened while his lawyers described his confinement as terrible. They kissed him. That shows how much he had

"inhuman," complaining that Dutroux was no longer conditioned them." Investigator Jacques Langlois

"in possession of all of his faculties." An unsympathetic reviewed his 440,000-page dossier on the case, compar-judge convicted Dutroux of theft and threatening ing Dutroux's early series of rapes to the later crimes that behavior on June 19, 2000, slapping Belgium's "most climaxed in murder. On March 18, guards found a key hated man" with a five-year prison sentence.

to Dutroux's handcuffs hidden in a bag of salt in the jail-Legal wrangling postponed Dutroux's murder trial.

house kitchen, but Dutroux expressed "surprise" at In early 2003, a grand jury at Neufchâteau dismissed charges that he planned a fresh

escape. Summarizing his the case against defendant Nihoul, but prosecutors defense on June 10, Dutroux called himself a "scape-appealed that decision and won a reversal on April 30.

goat" in an "organized lynching," insisting to the court Even then, Dutroux and his codefendants did not face that "I am not a murderer." Still, he said, "I don't contest trial until March 1, 2004, a delay of nearly eight years.

any of my real faults. I am here to be condemned." His When court finally convened at Arlon, defense attorney chief fault in the deaths of victims Lejeune and Russo, he Martine Van Praet complained that local hotels denied proclaimed, lay in "abandon[ing] them to the conscience her a room, while granting free suites to Dutroux's of my wife," who let them starve.

prosecutors. Six hundred witnesses were scheduled to On June 17, 2004, jurors convicted Dutroux on two testify before an audience of 300 police and 1,300 jour-murder counts (Lambrecks and Marchal), four counts nalists, who would beam the gruesome details of the of kidnapping (Dardenne, Delhez, Lejeune, and Russo), case worldwide. Kidnap survivor Sabine Dardenne and two counts of rape (Dardenne and Delhez).

described her 80 days in Dutroux's dungeon, where she Michelle Martin was convicted of conspiracy, and subsisted on a near-starvation diet while she was raped and otherwise abused. Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo had starved to death in their basement cell, ignored by Dutroux's wife while Dutroux was imprisoned for auto theft in 1996.

Dutroux seemed unconcerned, dozing off during jury selection and thereby earning rebukes from Judge Stephane Goux. ("He seems to be very tired and had a very bad night," lawyer Ronny Baudewijn explained.) When conscious, Dutroux maintained his pose of wounded innocence, describing himself as a "small cog" in an international sex-slave network. His basement cells were built, Dutroux insisted, to "protect"

kidnapped girls from abuse by members of the ring.

Blaming "two policemen" for the abductions, Dutroux told the court on March 3, "I didn't even know what pedophilia was. It was all Chinese to me." Michelle Martin changed her tune on the witness stand, insisting Marc Dutroux (right) is led out of the courthouse in that she was "too scared" to feed Lejeune and Russo in Neufchateau, Belgium, on March 20,

2000. (AP Photo/Yves captivity while Dutroux served 106 days in prison. She Logghe)

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Michel Lelievre was found guilty on charges including voiced dissatisfaction with the verdicts, since the trial abduction, rape, and drug possession. The panel failed and eight-year investigation revealed no further evi-to reach a verdict on Jean-Michel Nihoul, charged with dence against Dutroux's confederates in the alleged kidnapping victim Laetitia Delhez. Many Belgians international pedophile ring.

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EDWARDS, Mack Ray

According to the killer's statement, he had sworn off A native of Arkansas, born in 1919, Edwards moved to murder for a dozen years, returning with a vengeance in Los Angeles in 1941, logging one arrest for vagrancy the fall of 1968. Gary Rochet, age 16, had been shot to that April, prior to finding work as a heavy equipment death at his home in Granada Hills on November 26, operator. In that role, he helped build the freeways that and 16-year-old Roger Madison had vanished in Sylmar made L.A. famous, and by early 1970 he was a veteran three weeks later. The last to go was 13-year-old Don-on the job, married and a father of two, the very model ald Todd, reported missing from Pacoima on May 16, of blue-collar propriety. If people suspected his involve-1969.

ment in a string of brutal murders spanning 16 years, On March 7, 1970, Edwards led officers into the San they kept the secret to themselves.

Gabriel Mountains, seeking the graves of two victims, On March 5, 1970, three girls, ages 12 to 14, were but altered terrain foiled the search. He had better luck abducted by burglars from their home in Sylmar, a Los four days later, directing his keepers to a section of the Angeles suburb. Two escaped from their captors, but Santa Ana Freeway where the skeletal remains of Stella one was still missing the next day when Mack Edwards Nolan were unearthed from an eight-foot-deep grave.

entered a Los Angeles police station, surrendering a Edwards maintained that Roger Madison was buried loaded revolver as he told the duty officer, "I have a beneath the Ventura Freeway, but authorities declined guilt complex." Edwards named his teenage accomplice to plow

the highway up in search of clues. The crimes, in the recent kidnapping and directed police to the Mack said, had all been motivated by an urge for sex.

Angeles National Forest, where the missing girl was With Edwards safely under lock and key, police found, unharmed. Before authorities could take his voiced skepticism at the 12-year gap in his killing statement down, the prisoner informed them there were career, suggesting that there might be other victims

"other matters" to discuss.

unaccounted for—a body count of 22, in all. Respond-As homicide detectives listened, dumb-struck, Edwards ing from his cell, the killer adamantly stuck by his con-voluntarily confessed to a half-dozen murders dating fession. "Six is all there is," he told reporters. "There's from the early 1950s. Stella Nolan, eight years old, had not any more. That's all there is." Before his trial, he been the first to die, in June of 1953. Abducted from her twice attempted suicide, slashing his stomach with a home in Compton, she had never been recovered, and her razor blade on March 30 and gulping an overdose of fate remained a mystery for 17 years until a killer's con-tranquilizers on May 7.

science led him to confess. Mack's second crime had been Charged in three of his six confessed murders, a doubleheader, claiming 13-year-old Don Baker and 11-Edwards was convicted and sentenced to die after year-old Brenda Howell in Azusa, on August 6, 1956.

telling the jury, "I want the chair. That's what I've Once again, the bodies were missing, no solution in sight always wanted." Immediate execution was his goal. As before Edwards surrendered himself to police.

Edwards told the court, "My lawyer told me there are a ***67***

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hundred men waiting to die in the chair. I'm asking the year-old Florence Tisdall were found dead on successive judge if I can have the first man's place. He's sitting mornings.

there sweating right now. I'm not sweating. I'm ready By then, police were working overtime to find the for it."

"Stockwell Strangler," so called after the southwest Ready or not, Edwards was faced with the prospect London neighborhood where five of his victims were of automatic appeals, conscious of the fact that no Cal-slain. There had been petty thefts in several cases, with ifornia inmate had been executed in the past four years.

a television stolen from Crockett's apartment and On October 30, 1971, he cut the process short, using an roughly $900 missing from Carmen's home, but rob-electric cord to hang himself in his death row cell at San bery did not appear to be the driving motive. All of the Quentin.

victims were strangled manually, left on their beds with See also MISSING PERSONS

the sheets pulled up to their chins. Five had been sexually molested, but authorities could not determine whether the acts were committed before or after death.

ENRIQUETA, Marti

Kenneth Erskine was arrested on July 28 at a social A self-styled witch who made her living through the security office for trying to conceal one of his numerous sale of charms and potions, Enriqueta was arrested by savings accounts. In custody, his palm print matched police in Barcelona, Spain, in March 1912 on charges one lifted from a Stockwell murder scene, and he was of abducting several local children. Her most recent vic-picked from a lineup by victim Frederick Prentice, 74, tim, a young girl named Angelita, was rescued alive who had survived an attempted strangulation on June from the witch's lair, appalling police with a tale of 27. Under questioning, Erskine seemed to plead amne-murder and CANNIBALISM. According to the girl, she sia. "I don't remember killing anyone," he told police.

had been forced by Enriqueta to partake of human

"I could have done it without knowing it. I am not sure flesh. Her "meal" had been the pitiful remains of yet if I did."

another child, kidnapped by the murderess a short time The court had little difficulty sorting out the prob-earlier.

lem. Charged with seven counts of murder and one As ultimately pieced together by authorities, Enri-count of attempted murder, Erskine was convicted queta's local crimes had already claimed at least six vic-across the board on January 29, 1988. (Two additional tims. After murdering the children, she would boil their murders, dating from 1986, were eliminated from the bodies down for use as prime ingredients in her expen-list on grounds of insufficient evidence.) The presiding sive "love potions." Convicted on the basis of her own judge sentenced Erskine to seven life terms plus an addi-confession, coupled with the testimony of her sole sur-tional 12 years for attempted murder, recommending viving victim, Marti

Enriqueta was condemned and that the killer serve a minimum of 40 years before he is executed for her crimes.

considered for parole.

ERSKINE, Kenneth

ETHERIDGE, Ellen

At age 24, Kenneth Erskine was diagnosed by court A solid family background and religious training did psychiatrists as possessing "a mental age of eleven." A not spare the second wife of Texas rancher J. D.

persistent loner, abandoned by his English mother and Etheridge from pangs of jealousy. When they were mar-Antiguan father, he drifted through a milieu of special ried in the spring of 1912, she thought the wealthy wid-schools and flophouses, compiling a record of arrests ower admired her for herself. It soon became apparent, for burglary in London, living on the proceeds of his though, that he was more interested in finding someone thefts. Business was good enough for Erskine to open who would cook his meals and clean his large Bosque 10 separate bank accounts for his stolen loot, but County home, northwest of Waco. Ellen warmed his money isn't everything. Somewhere along the way, the lonely bed and tended house, but she began to feel simple-minded youth picked up a taste for homicide.

neglected as her husband showered his affection on the The first to die was 78-year-old Eileen Emms, stran-children—eight in all—who were the living images of gled in her home during the first week of April 1987. A her lamented predecessor.

month later, Janet Crockett, age 67, was killed in identi-Over time the jealousy gave way to envy, then to cal fashion. The stalker rebounded with a doubleheader hatred. During June of 1913, Ellen launched her plan to on June 28, claiming 84-year-old Valentine Gleime and thin the herd, employing poison to eliminate a pair of 94-year-old Zbignew Stabrawa in separate incidents.

the offensive children. Two more died on October 2, William Carmen, age 84, was strangled in early July.

but the coincidence was too extreme. Authorities were Two weeks later, 74-year-old William Downes and 80-curious, and poison was found in postmortem tests. In ***68***

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custody, the second Mrs. Etheridge confessed her crimes victed two weeks later, he was sentenced to a term of and drew a term of life

imprisonment.

life imprisonment, required to serve a minimum of 25

See also “BLACK WIDOWS”

years before he would be eligible for parole.

EVANS, Wesley Gareth

EYLER, Larry W.

Slow-witted and hyperactive, Canadian Wesley Evans A native of Crawfordsville, Indiana, born December 21, missed long months of schooling due to erratic behavior 1952, Eyler was the youngest of four children born to that made attendance impossible. Hit by a train at age parents who divorced when he was young. Dropping nine, he suffered severe head injuries that left him out of high school in his senior year, he worked odd comatose for eight days, with temporary paralysis on jobs for a couple of years before earning his GED. Spo-his left side after he regained consciousness. Released radic enrollment in college between 1974 and 1978 left from the hospital after four months of therapy, Evans Eyler without a degree, and he finally pulled up stakes, thereafter walked with a pronounced limp, communi-making the move to Chicago.

cating with slurred speech. Eighteen months later, he Unknown to friends and relatives, Larry Eyler was a was burned over 20 percent of his body while playing young man at war with himself, struggling to cope with with a cigarette lighter. He grew up obsessed with the homosexual tendencies that simultaneously fascinated notion that girls—and later, women—were laughing at and repelled him. Like JOHN GACY and a host of others, his scars. In time, his hidden rage would reach a lethal he would learn to take his sex where he could find it, boiling point.

forcefully, and then eliminate the evidence of his abid-On November 24, 1984, 27-year-old Lavonne

ing shame.

Willems was found dead in a Vancouver home she was On March 22, 1982, Jay Reynolds was found,

watching for friends, then on vacation overseas. She stabbed to death on the outskirts of Lexington, Ken-had been murdered in the bedroom, stabbed a total of tucky. Nine months later, on October 3, 14-year-old 25 times, her pants unbuckled and open at the waist.

Delvoyd Baker was strangled, his body dumped on the Detectives theorized a sexual motive, but they had no roadside north of Indianapolis.

Steven Crockett, age 19, suspect in the case.

was the victim on October 23, stabbed 32 times with On March 31, 1985, realtor Beverly Seto, 39, hosted four wounds in the head, and discarded outside Lowell, an open house for potential customers in Matsqui, a Indiana. The killer moved into Illinois on November 6, Vancouver suburb. When she failed to come home for leaving Robert Foley in a field northwest of Joliet.

supper, her husband dropped by the vacant house and Police were slow to see the pattern forming, unaware found her car outside, the door ajar. Inside the house, a that they had already spoken with one survivor.

light was burning in the kitchen, though the guests had Drugged and beaten near Lowell on November 4, 21-long since departed. Moving through the silent rooms, year-old Craig Townsend had escaped from the hospital he found his wife in the bedroom, her throat slashed, before detectives completed their investigation of the skirt bunched up around her waist. The coroner unprovoked assault.

reported that Seto had been raped, then stabbed a mini-The transient slayer celebrated Christmas 1982 by mum of 20 times.

dumping 25-year-old John Johnson's body in a field In late July, police received a tip that named a young outside Belshaw, Indiana. Three days later, it was a man from the Matsqui neighborhood as Seto's killer. He doubleheader, with 21-year-old John Roach discovered was held for questioning in early August 1985, but offi-near Belleville and the trussed-up body of Steven Agan, cers found nothing to connect him with the murder.

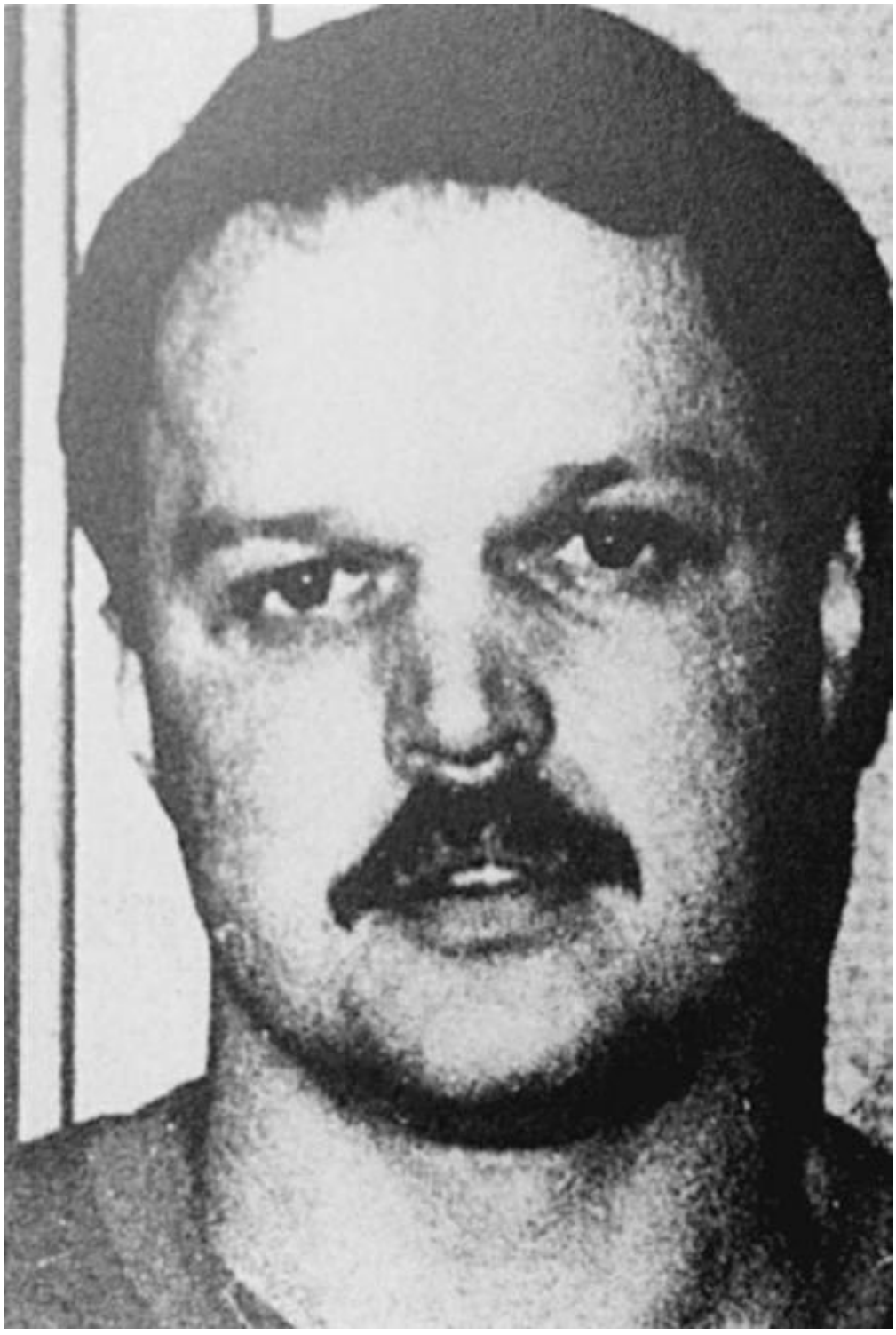
a Terre Haute native, discarded north of Newport, Seeking further information on their suspect, they Indiana.

detained one of his friends, 21-year-old Wesley Evans, The grim toll continued to rise through the spring of on marijuana charges, hoping they could pressure him 1983, with most of the action shifting to Illinois. By for details on the suspect's movements. What they got, July 2, the body count stood at 12, with the latter vic-instead, was a surprise confession to the crime.

tims mutilated after death, a few disemboweled. Ralph In custody, the prisoner admitted killing Seto and Calise made unlucky 13 on August 31, dumped in a went on to offer details of the Willems murder. Homi-field near Lake Forest, Illinois. He had been dead less cide investigators checked their street maps, startled to than 12 hours when he was discovered, bound

with find that Evans lived a short four blocks from the loca-clothesline and surgical tape, stabbed 17 times, his tion of the Seto slaying and barely eight blocks from the pants pulled down around his ankles.

house where Willems died. The opening remarks of On September 30, 1983, an Indiana highway patrol-Wesley's trial were heard on January 16, 1986. Con-man spotted a pickup truck parked along Interstate 65, ***69***



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victim had been decapitated, and all had their pants pulled down, indicating a sexual motive in the slayings.

Another "John Doe" was recovered on December 5

near Effingham, Illinois, and the body count jumped again, two days later, when Richard Wayne and an unidentified male were found dead near Indianapolis.

By that time, police had focused their full attention on Larry Eyler. Survivor Craig Townsend had been traced to Chicago after fleeing the Indiana hospital, and he grudgingly identified photographs of Eyler. Another survivor chimed in with similar testimony, but investigators wanted their man for murder, and the circumstantial case was still incomplete.

Facing constant surveillance in Chicago, Eyler filed a civil lawsuit against the Lake County sheriff's office, accusing officers of mounting a "psychological warfare" campaign to unhinge his mind. His claim for a half-million dollars was denied, and as he left the courtroom, Eyler was arrested for the Ralph Calise murder and held in lieu of $1 million bond. Police were jubilant until a pretrial hearing on February 5, 1984, led to exclusion of all the evidence recovered from Eyler's truck. Released on bail, the killer went about his business while investigators scrambled to salvage their failing case.

On May 7, 1984, 22-year-old David Block was

found murdered near Zion, Illinois, his wounds conforming to the pattern of his predecessors, but nothing at the scene clearly linked Eyler to the murder. Police got a break three months later, on August 21, when a janitor's skittish dog led his master to examine Eyler's Larry Eyler (Author's collection)

garbage, in Chicago. Police were swiftly summoned to claim the remains of 15-year-old Danny Bridges, a homosexual street hustler whose dismembered body with two men moving toward a nearby stand of trees.

had been neatly bagged for disposal.

One appeared to be bound, and the officer went to Eyler's arrogance had finally undone him. Experts investigate, identifying Larry Eyler as the owner of the noted that the Bridges mutilations were a carbon copy truck. His young companion accused Eyler of making of the Derrick Hansen case outside Kenosha in October homosexual propositions, then asking permission to 1983. Convicted of the Bridges slaying on July 9, 1986, tie him up. A search of the pickup revealed surgical Eyler was sentenced to die. By that time, Mother tape, nylon clothesline, and a hunting knife stained Nature had already passed her own death sentence on with human blood.

Forensics experts noted that the Eyler: he was infected with AIDS and his days were blood type matched Ralph Calise's, while tire tracks numbered.

and imprints of Eyler's boots made a fair match with In November 1990, bargaining to save himself from tracks from the field where Calise was discovered.

execution, Eyler agreed to help Indiana authorities Police held Eyler but released him when the search was solve a number of his crimes if they would intervene to ruled illegal.

get him off death row. He confessed to the Agan tor-While the investigation continued, with Eyler still at ture-slaying and surprised investigators by naming an liberty, the murders likewise kept pace. On October 4, alleged accomplice, 53-year-old Robert David Little, 1983, 14-year-old Derrick Hansen was found dismem-chairman of the Department of Library Science at Indi-bered near Kenosha, Wisconsin. Eleven days later, a ana State University, in Terre Haute. According to young "John Doe" was discovered near Rensselaer, Eyler, Little snapped photos and masturbated while Indiana. October 18 yielded four bodies in Newton Larry disemboweled the victim. Based on his confes-County, dumped together on an abandoned farm; one sion, Eyler received a 60-year prison sentence, and Lit-70

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tle was arrested on murder charges. That case went to tion of his sentence to life imprisonment, but state trial at Terre Haute, and in the absence of physical evi-authorities refused. He died of AIDS on March 6, dence to support Eyler's statement, Little was acquitted 1994, after confessing 21 murders to his attorney of all charges on April 17, 1991. Back in Illinois, Eyler (including four committed with an accomplice who offered to clear 20 murders in exchange for commuta-remains at large).

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FALLING, Christine Laverne Slaughter

Christine moved on to Lakeland, and two months Christine Falling was born in Perry, Florida, on March after her arrival, four-year-old Jeffrey Davis "stopped 12, 1963, the second child of a 65-year-old father and breathing" in her care. An autopsy revealed symptoms his 16-year-old wife. Reared in poverty, obese and dull-of myocarditis, a heart inflammation rarely fatal in witted, she required regular doses of medication to con-itself.

Three days later, while the family attended Jef-trol her epileptic seizures. As a child, she showed her frey's funeral, Falling was retained to sit with two-year-

"love" for cats by strangling them and dropping them old Joseph Spring, a cousin of the deceased. Joseph died from lethal heights in order to "test their nine lives." At in his crib that afternoon while "napping," and physi-age nine, Christine and her sister were removed for a cians noted evidence of a viral infection, suggesting it year to a children's refuge following domestic battles might have killed Jeffrey, as well.

that resulted in police being summoned to their home.

Christine was back in Perry—and back in business—

In September 1977, at age 14, Christine was married by July of 1981. She had received a clean bill of health to a man in his twenties. Their chaotic relationship from the doctors in Lakeland, but her bad luck was lasted six weeks and was punctuated by violence, Chris-holding. She tried her hand at housekeeping, but 77-tine once hurling a 25-pound stereo at her husband in year-old William Swindle died in his kitchen her first the heat of battle. With the collapse of her marriage, day on the job. A short time later, Falling accompanied Falling lapsed into a bizarre hypochondriacal phase, her stepsister to the doctor's office, where an eight-logging 50 trips to the hospital in the space of two month-old niece, Jennifer Daniels, received some stan-years. She complained of ailments ranging from "red dard childhood vaccinations. Stopping by the market spots" to vaginal bleeding to snakebites, but physicians on her way home, the stepsister left Christine in the car rarely found any treatable symptoms.

with her child, returning to find that the baby had sim-Rendered virtually unemployable by her appearance ply "stopped breathing."

and mentality, Christine picked up spending money by Thus far, physicians had sympathized with Christine as baby-sitting for neighbors and relatives. On February 25, an unfortunate "victim of circumstance," but their view 1980, one of her charges—two-year-old Cassidy John-changed on July 2, 1982, when 10-week-old Travis Cole-son—was rushed to a doctor's office in Blountstown, ten-man died in Falling's care. This time, an autopsy revealed tatively diagnosed as suffering from encephalitis. The girl internal ruptures caused by suffocation, and Christine died on February 28, an autopsy listing cause of death as was hauled in for

questioning. In custody, she confessed blunt trauma to the skull. Christine described the baby to killing three of the children by means of "smothera-

"passing out" and falling from her crib, but she was tion," pressing a blanket over their faces in response to unconvincing. One physician wrote a note to the police, disembodied voices chanting, "Kill the baby."

advising them to check the baby-sitter out, but it was

"The way I done it, I seen it done on TV shows,"

"lost" in transit and the case was closed.

Christine explained. "I had my own way, though. Simple ***72***

FICTION and Film Portrayals of Serial Murder

and easy. No one would hear them scream." Convicted puter game. Jack has visited the American West, trav-on the basis of her own confession, she was sentenced to eled through time, and pursued "Amazon women" on a term of life imprisonment, with no parole for the first the Moon in the film of that name, while matching wits 25 years.

at least 28 times with master detective Sherlock See also SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

Holmes. (In one bizarre outing, Holmes was the Ripper, plagued by multiple personalities as he chased himself through fog-shrouded London!)

FAZEKAS, Julia *See "ANGEL MAKERS OF NAGYREV"*

No other real-life serial killer can match Red Jack's tally of fictional works, although quick-trigger William Henry McCarty, AKA "Billy the Kid," has drilled more ***FICTION and Film Portrayals of Serial Murder*** *enemies on screen than he ever did in 19th-century A volume larger than the work in hand would be New Mexico. More interesting, in terms of weirdness, required simply to list the novels and short stories, TV*

is the case of Wisconsin's EDWARD THEODORE GEIN, shows and movies, plays and operas that incorporate acknowledged as the inspiration for two movie series serial murder as a major theme or plot device. Some of (Psycho and The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, nine films those works are justly famous, ranked among enduring in all), plus at least three other films and four novels.

classics; others are so poorly executed (or so frankly Unlike that of Jack the Ripper, though, Gein's name is exploitative) that they linger with the reader/viewer for rarely mentioned in the works that echo his ghoulish entirely different reasons. Most, unfortunately, are so career, which leave the action to such fictional doppel-crudely imitative of their

literary/cinematic forebears gängers as Psycho's Norman Bates and Chainsaw's that they fail to satisfy on any level and become simply Leatherface. (The exceptions are Ed Gein, a 2000 film forgettable.

starring Steve Railsback in the title role, and Harold We cannot say with any certainty when random

Schechter's novel Outcry [1997], set in modern times killers first appeared in fiction, but their roots go deep.

with Gein long dead and his illegitimate son picking up The Danish "fairy tale" of Hansel and Gretel is one where the old man left off.) British poisoner Thomas prime example, its child-eating witch of the woods Neill Cream stars in three novels, including The Gen-nothing more than a sadistic dabbler in black arts and tleman from Chicago (1973), The Ripper's Apprentice CANNIBALISM. (Her crimes were mirrored in the real-life (1986), and Jack (1988). Herman Mudgett's gruesome case of MARTI ENRIQUETA, a Spanish "witch" executed 19th-century career is dramatized in The Scarlet Man-in 1912 for murdering at least six children, cannibaliz-sion (1985).

ing their bodies, and boiling the leftovers down for the Cinematic psychos run the full gamut from chilling love charms she sold on the side.) Likewise, the mythi-to childish, their impact based in roughly equal parts on cal Chevalier Raoul, better known as "BLUEBEARD,"

quality of writing and the actor's skill. Low-budget whose seventh wife finds the corpses of her predecessors shockers like Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer (1989) (or, some versions say, their severed heads) while snoop-may achieve "cult classic" status, but they rarely offer ing in a room to which she is forbidden access. Blue-much in terms of insight into the killer's twisted psyche, beard may have borrowed his nickname from

and the films inspired by real-life crimes almost invari-15th-century child killer GILLES DE RAIS, but his behav-ably cite "dramatic license" to explain wholesale revi-ior (and his downfall) prefigures scores of cases wherein sion—if not outright fabrication—of events and killers for profit or passion have murdered a series of characters. (In Henry, for example, HENRY LUCAS mur-wives.

ders and decapitates crime partner OTTIS TOOLE. In While some vocal critics dwell in fear of life imitating Charles Pierce's film The Town That Dreaded Sundown art, blaming this or that film/novel/TV program for the

[1976], police wound and nearly capture Texarkana's latest incident of carnage in the news, it seems that

"MOONLIGHT MURDERER" in a wild chase that never authors and directors lean more often in the opposite occurred.) Monster (2003) avoided most of those pit-direction, lifting plots and characters (albeit typically in falls, and earned actress Charlize Theron an Oscar for garbled and distorted form) from prior events. It comes her portrayal of condemned killer-prostitute AILEEN

as no surprise, therefore, that many real-life murderers CAROL WUORNOS.

have found their way into fiction and film. London's Elsewhere in fiction and film, renowned author Joyce anonymous "JACK THE RIPPER" is the hands-down

Carol Oates has penned a novel and a story inspired by favorite in that regard, appearing (by a very conserva-the crimes of JEFFREY DAHMER (Zombie, 1995) and tive estimate) in no less than 76 novels, 25 motion pic-Tucson "Pied Piper" Charles Schmid ("Where Are You tures, eight stage plays, three short-story anthologies, Going, Where Have You Been?," 1966). Toni Cade two poetry collections, one rock opera, and one com-Bambara's posthumously published novel, Those Bones

Are Not My Child (2000), examines the ATLANTA "CHILD

(1989), and Slashdance (1990), in which the directors'

MURDERS." Russian cannibal ANDREI ROMANOVICH

sole purpose seems to be the gratuitous display of ersatz CHIKATILO is depicted in the 1995 HBO movie Citizen X, blood and entrails. The result is sometimes unintended and director Spike Lee revisits the panic inspired by comedy, as with Blue Steel (1990), wherein a New York DAVID RICHARD BERKOWITZ in Summer of Sam (1999).

stockbroker (Ron Silver) witnesses a violent robbery, British serial poisoner Graham Young gets a black-comic deciding on a whim to steal the fallen gunman's pistol treatment on screen in The Young Poisoner's Handbook and begin killing random strangers on the street.

(1995). William Friedkin. author of The Exorcist, Suspense is more difficult to maintain on the printed directed Rampage, a 1988 film treatment of the "Sacra-page than on screen, without the potential for visual mento Vampire," Richard Trenton Chase. One of the shocks, but certain novelists

succeed admirably in their more disturbing fact-based novels currently in print is efforts to make readers squirm, while simultaneously Hunter (1989), a zealous homage to racist serial killer exploring police forensic techniques and the dark side JOSEPH PAUL FRANKLIN written and published by neo-of the human mind. In that respect, Thomas Harris Nazi William Pierce under the name Andrew Macdon-clearly leads the field with 1981's Red Dragon (filmed ald. From death row, Franklin proclaimed that he was as Manhunter in 1986), 1988's The Silence of the

"honored" to have Hunter dedicated in his name.

Lambs (filmed under the same title in 1991), and 1999's Unsolved serial cases have always been fair game for Hannibal, all of which present the exploits of deranged fictional sleuths, with "Jack the Ripper" as a primary psychiatrist Hannibal ("The Cannibal") Lecter. Other example. Author Dan Lees pursued San Francisco's noteworthy novels in the field include Shane Stevens's infamous "ZODIAC" slayer in the aptly titled Zodiac By Reason of Insanity (1979), Jonathan Kellerman's (1972). Five years later, crime writer Jim McDougall The Butcher's Theater (1988), and Caleb Carr's The tackled Michigan's child-killing "Babysitter," with Alienist (1994). Each offers an unsparing look at the Angel of the Snow. London's "JACK THE STRIPPER"

method and madness of serial murder, while preserving came alive for Dell Shannon in Destiny of Death the humanity of its characters and transcending the for-

(1991), while Roderick Thorp unmasked TEAM KILLERS

mulaic approach described by some publishers as in River, his 1996 treatment of Washington's Green

"slice-and-dice."

River murders (published seven years before the capture A handful of authors and producers have carved of real-life killer GARY LEON RIDGWAY). In such works, enduring niches for themselves in the serial murder fiction may provide at least an illusory closure to cases genre, managing the "careers" of recurring fictional that have haunted detectives for decades.

characters, although the approach differs radically The roots of psycho-cinema are traceable to 1915's between print and celluloid. On screen, the killers rule, Trilby, and while much of what followed has been returning time and time again to stalk new victims: wasted celluloid, some

outstanding productions have Norman (Psycho) Bates, Michael Myers (of Halloween also resulted. One such, loosely based on the real-life fame), Texas Chainsaw's "Leatherface," Jason case of PETER KURTEN, was M (1931), combining Fritz Voorhees (Friday the 13th) and scar-faced Freddy Lang's dark vision with a chilling performance from (Nightmare on Elm Street) Krueger boast 27 titles Peter Lorre as the baby-faced killer. A quarter-century between them, a record sustained in equal parts by pub- later, Lang scored another hit with While the City lic appetite for sequels and the supernatural ability of Sleeps, based on the crimes of Chicago "Lipstick each protagonist to survive fatal wounds, regenerate Killer" WILLIAM HEIRENS. Robert Mitchum's perfor-severed limbs—do whatever it takes, in fact, to guaran-mance as a switchblade-wielding preacher distin-tee one more installment of the series.

guished Charles Laughton's directorial debut in The The only literary peer of those immortal psychopaths Night of the Hunter (1955). Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho is Daniel ("Chaingang") Bunkowski, the 500-pound (1960) made bathtime traumatic for millions of Ameri-

"precognate" brainchild of author Rex Miller. Stripped cans with its infamous shower scene, while the great of human feelings by hideous childhood abuse, rescued director's last take on serial murder— Frenzy (1972)—

from prison by a secret military program which offered a new look at the case of London's "JACK THE

unleashed him on a hapless enemy in Vietnam, Chain-STRIPPER." More recently, The Silence of the Lambs gang shambles through five novels, chalking up "one (1991) became the most-honored psycho-film in his- victim for each pound of his weight" and somehow tory, sweeping the Oscars with Academy Awards for evolving from mindless villain to a kind of super-anti-best picture, best actor (Anthony Hopkins), and best hero in the last three books. He also demonstrates a actress (Jodie Foster).

physical resilience that would make his cinematic peers At the other end of the scale lie such efforts as Driller lime-green with envy, returning for the third installment Killer (1979), Maniac (1980), Woodchipper Massacre of the saga after being sliced in half with a samurai

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sword in part two! On the reverse side of the vigilante tizes adolescent viewers, while the frequent depiction of coin, rogue FBI agents (or ex-

agents) track serial killers brutal murders from the killer's point of view (often with no thought of taking them alive in novels such as peering through a mask, to the accompaniment of asth-A. J. Holt's Watch Me (1995) and Thinning the Preda-matic wheezing) allegedly "teaches children to kill."

tors (1996) by Daina Graziuna and Jim Starlin. The G-Feminists join the debate with claims that the prepon-men (or G-women) thus become serial killers

derance of young, half-naked women slaughtered in themselves, in effect, albeit embarked on a righteous such films is part and parcel of a "war on women" in crusade.

America.

A very different series of novels with a serial-killing In fact, while few would argue that there is an up protagonist concerns Tom Ripley, the affable creation side to presenting young, impressionable children with of author Patricia Highsmith. A chameleon-like slayer a daily dose of blood and gore, there is (at least to date) who assumes the identities of his victims, Ripley no evidence that viewing any certain film or reading a debuted in The Talented Mr. Ripley (1955), then specific novel "causes" anyone to kill. The critics got a returned for Ripley Under Ground (1970), Ripley's momentary boost in 1992, when a Maryland suspect Game (1974), The Boy Who Followed Ripley (1980), detained for beheading his mother identified himself to and Ripley Under Water (1991). Cinematic treatments police as "Hannibal Lecter," but such aberrant antics of Ripley's lethal adventures include The American are nearly always the prelude to a lame INSANITY

Friend (1977) and The Talented Mr. Ripley (1999), DEFENSE. In the rare cases where flesh-and-blood killers with Matt Damon in the title role.

truly identify with fictional stalkers, they are invariably More typically, series of novels examining serial deranged, with histories of mental illness and weird murder chart the careers of dynamic (and sometimes behavior predating their exposure to any specific enter-deeply flawed) investigators. John Sandford's "Prey"

tainment medium.

series— Rules of Prey, Silent Prey, and 13 more—tracks See also ARTWORK AND MEMORABILIA

Lucas Davenport, a Minneapolis police detective who suffers from clinical depression. David Wiltse's FBI Agent John Becker (Prayer for the

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etc.) is himself a borderline psychopath, unleashed by A native of New Jersey, born in 1923, Joe Fischer was cynical superiors on the Bureau's dirtiest cases, con-raised in Newark and Belleville, later describing his stantly at war with his own urge to kill. James Patter-childhood as one of continual conflict and violence. His son's Detective Alex Cross (*Kiss the Girls, Jack and Jill,* mother was a prostitute who brought "tricks" home etc.) is both a psychologist and a black single father, try-while her husband worked on various construction ing desperately to raise gentle children on the mean sites. "I guess what really helped me hate the woman,"

streets of Washington, D.C., while stalking monsters in Fischer later said, "was that she didn't care if me or my human form. Robert Walker's "Instinct" series (*Killer* brothers were home when she brought her customers *Instinct, Fatal Instinct,* etc.) has an FBI pathologist, Dr.

in." The strangers sometimes passed out pocket change, Jessica Coran, bedeviled both by lethal stalkers and by urging the children to "get lost," but Joe stayed behind, sexist hassles in the old-boy's club of law enforcement.

watching his mother perform with a seemingly endless The action moves to Canada and other foreign parts in series of men. His disrespect for her grew over time, a series of novels by Michael Slade (*Headhunter, Rip-provoking frequent arguments that led to beatings, per, etc.), charting the exploits of the "Special X"*

sometimes interrupted when his father waded in to squad, assigned to track serial killers for the Royal whip them both. "I would have killed her 10 times Canadian Mounted Police. Author Alex Kava follows over," Fischer said, "but I really believed that it would the trials and triumphs of FBI agent Maggie O'Dell in a have broken my father's heart."

series of novels including Perfect Evil, Split Second, The Enrolled in Catholic school, Fischer was a rebellious Soul Catcher, and At the Stroke of Madness.

student who clashed frequently with police in his ado-Debate persists (and doubtless always will) concern-lescent years and was finally sentenced to reform ing the role—if any—of "psycho" films and novels in school for robbing St. Peter's Church. Released in promoting real-life violence. As far back as 1927, the 1938, at 15, he lied about his age to join the merchant sadistic crimes of William Hickman in Los Angeles pro-marine but soon jumped ship, returning to New Jersey.

duced a call for censorship of motion pictures, and the Desertion charges were dismissed when the authorities debate has only grown more heated with time, as critics found out that he was under age, and Fischer had a claim "proof" of cause-and-effect between graphic clean record, more or less, when he joined the Marine

"splatter" films and soaring juvenile crime rates. Specif-Corps, following the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor in ically, they say, exposure to such violent fare desensi-December 1941.

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By that time, Fischer was well on his way to full-remain subject to "close supervision." A photo found in blown alcoholism, serving 30 days in the brig for his possession, meanwhile, was identified as a likeness drunkenness before he finished boot camp. He later saw of 26-year-old Pamela Nolen, missing from Ruidos, combat on Guadalcanal, Kwajalein, and Iwo Jima, New Mexico, since October 30, 1978. (Fischer admit-before he was posted to mainland China, guarding milited stabbing a woman to death in New Mexico; he sim-tary trains. His wartime record remains controversial, ply didn't catch her name.) Flagstaff police cited Fischer variously claiming a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, evidence confirming Fischer's presence in the motel and two Purple Hearts for various battles, though he room where a male victim died on March 31, 1979, but could never produce the medals or certificates to verify they now called the death accidental; Fischer, for his his alleged heroism. Regardless of the details, it is clear part, insisted that he beat the man to death. By mid-that he saw action and loved every minute of it, remark-February 1980, Joe was claiming a total of 32 victims, ing years later that "killing felt too good to stop" at and police in Norwalk, Connecticut, declared that they war's end. He apparently murdered a number of Chi-had sufficient evidence to charge him in the additional nese civilians under the guise of "protecting" military stabbing deaths of two 17-year-old girls, Alaine Hape-freight, and while he was never court-martialed, he was man and Veronica Tassielo.

diagnosed as a dangerous paranoid schizophrenic prior In fact, Joe went to trial in April 1980 only for the to his discharge from service in 1945.

murder of his wife. By that time, press reports of his A series of arrests and committals to mental institu-confessions cited "dozens" of victims, one

article claim-tions followed his return to civilian life, climaxed in ing "up to forty," but Fischer had changed his tune for 1948 by Fischer's conviction for robbery and assault.

the moment, denying Claudine's murder when he took Paroled in December 1953, he was free for a matter of the witness stand on April 11. Jurors dismissed his testi-days before he attacked a 16-year-old boy in New Jer-mony as a self-serving lie, convicting him of second-sey, beating him to death with a rock on the day after degree murder on April 23. Three weeks later, on May Christmas. That crime sent him away for the next quar-16, Fischer received a prison sentence of 25 years to life.

ter-century. He was paroled in June 1978 to marry a Warrants remained outstanding in Connecticut and pen pal, 78-year-old Claudine Eggers. The attraction Oklahoma, but neither jurisdiction was disposed to was apparently financial, Claudine picking up the tab extradite Fischer for trial. Confined at Sing Sing, he for an aimless 13-month jaunt across country that soon reverted to his early boastful mode, granting inter-turned into a nonstop murder spree. One of the last to views to such tabloid TV programs as Geraldo and A die was Claudine herself, found stabbed to death in the Current Affair in 1989, claiming a body count of "over home she sometimes shared with Joe in Wassaic, New 100" victims. By February 1991, when Fischer was pro-York. Fischer surrendered to New York police on July filed on America's Most Wanted, the number had 2, 1979, and freely confessed to the slaying, landing in jumped to "about 150," including allegations of a pri-the Dutchess County jail on a charge of second-degree vate graveyard undiscovered by police, with 16 corpses murder.

buried in one place, but no one had the interest or the That might have been the end for Fischer, but he felt energy to check his stories out. By the time he died in like talking—more specifically, confessing to another 18

prison seven months later, at age 68, Joe Fischer was homicides. He had set out to kill 25 victims, Joe told largely forgotten, his passing barely noted in the home-detectives, but was still six short of the mark when he town newspaper. Officially, he was responsible for two grew weary and surrendered. By July 28, authorities in homicides, suspected of at least three more. His true Arizona and Oklahoma had issued warrants for his body count—like that of DONALD GASKINS, HENRY

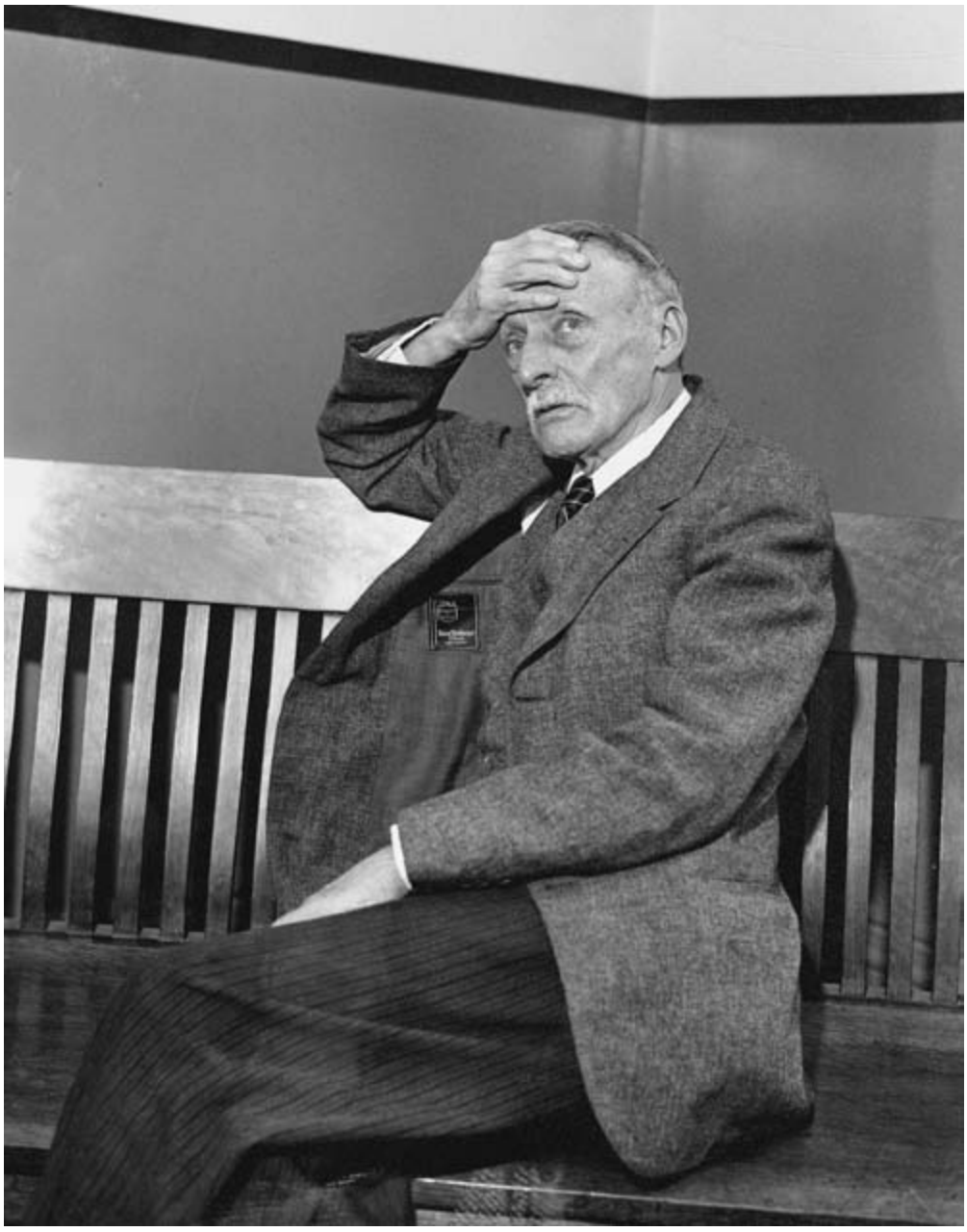
arrest in the spring 1979 murders of a man in Flagstaff LUCAS, and other boastful killers—will probably never and a female victim, Betty Jo

Gibson, in Moore, Okla-be known.

homa. Other victims claimed by Fischer in his confessions included "a couple" of deaths in the Bowery, with others in Los Angeles; San Francisco; New Mexico; ***FISH, Albert Howard***

Cooperstown, New York; Hartford, Connecticut; and Born Hamilton Fish in 1870, America's most notorious Portland, Maine.

20th-century cannibal before JEFFREY DAHMER was the Authorities in different jurisdictions often seemed to product of a respected family living in Washington, work at cross-purposes in tracking Fischer's claims. The D.C. A closer examination, however, reveals at least New Jersey Department of Corrections refused to seven relatives with severe mental disorders in the two release his prison psychiatric files, although it was generations preceding Fish's birth, including two mem-admitted that parole had been granted in 1978 on twin bers of the family who died in asylums. Fish was five conditions that Fischer join Alcoholics Anonymous and years old when his father died, and his mother placed ***76***



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him in an orphanage while she worked to support her-time for grand larceny, passing bad checks, and violating self. Records describe young Fish as a problem child parole or probation. Obscene letters were another of his who "ran away every Saturday," persistently wetting passions, and Fish mailed off countless examples to the bed until his 11th year. Graduating from public strangers, their addresses obtained from matrimonial school at age 15, he began to call himself Albert, dis-agencies of newspaper "lonely-hearts" columns.

carding the hated first name which led classmates to In 1928, posing as "Mr. Howard," Fish befriended tease him, calling him "Ham and Eggs."

the Budd family in White Plains, New York. On June 3, As an adult, Fish worked odd jobs, making his way while escorting 12-year-old Grace Budd to a fabricated across country as an itinerant house painter and decora-children's party, he took the child to an isolated cottage tor. In 1898 he married a woman nine years his junior, and there dismembered her body, saving several pieces fathering six children before his wife ran away with a for a stew which he consumed.

boarder named John Straube in January 1917. She Two years later, with the Budd case still unsolved, came back once, with Straube in tow, and Fish took her Fish was confined to a psychiatric hospital for the first back on condition that she send her lover away. Later, time. After two months of observation, he was dishe discovered that his wife was keeping Straube in the charged with a note reading: "Not insane; psychopathic attic, and she departed after a stormy argument, never personality; sexual type." In 1931, arresting Fish once to return.

more on charges of mailing obscene letters, police By his own account, Fish committed his first murder found a well-used cat-o'-nine-tails in his room. He was in 1910, killing a man in Wilmington, Delaware, but released after two more weeks of observation in a psy-his children marked the first obvious change in Fish's chiatric ward.

behavior from the date of his wife's initial departure.

Compelled to gloat about his crimes, Fish sent a let-Apparently subject to hallucinations, he would shake ter to the Budd family in 1934, breaking the news that his fist at the sky and repeatedly scream, "I am Christ!"

Grace was dead, oddly emphasizing the fact that "she Obsessed with sin, sacrifice, and atonement through died a virgin." Traced by police through the letter's dis-pain, Fish encouraged his children and their friends to tinctive stationery, Fish readily confessed to other paddle him until his buttocks bled. On his own, he inserted numerous needles into his groin, losing track of some as they sank out of sight. (A prison X ray revealed at least 29 separate needles in his pelvic region, some eroded with time to mere fragments.) On other occasions, Fish would soak cotton balls in alcohol, insert them in his anus, and set them on fire. Frustrated by agony when he began slipping needles under his own fingernails, Fish lamented, "If only pain were not so painful!"

Though never divorced from his first wife, Fish married three times, enjoying a sex life which court psychiatrists would describe as one of "unparalleled perversity."

(In jail, authorities compiled a list of 18 PARAPHILIAS

practiced by Fish, including coprophagia—the consumption of human excrement.) Tracing his sadomasochism back to the age of five or six when he began to relish bare-bottom spankings in the orphanage, Fish's obsession with pain was focused primarily on children.

Ordered "by God" to castrate young boys, he impartially molested children of both sexes as he traveled around the country. Prosecutors confidently linked him with "at least 100" sexual assaults in 23 states from New York to Wyoming, but Fish felt slighted by their estimate. "I have had children in every state," he declared, placing his own tally of victims closer to 400.

For all that, Fish was careless with his crimes, frequently losing jobs "because things about these children came out." Arrested eight times over the years, he served Albert Fish on trial (Wide World API)

“FRANKFORD Slasher”

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Philadelphia’s Frankford district is the hard-scrabble neighborhood chosen by Sylvester Stallone as the setting for his first Rocky film. Rocky Balboa had gone on to bigger, better things by the late 1980s, however, when Frankford earned a new and unwelcome celebrity, this time for the presence of a vicious serial killer who slaughtered at least seven women.

The mystery began on August 28, 1985, when two transit workers reported to their job at a Frankford Avenue maintenance yard, around 8:30 A.M Within moments, they found a woman’s lifeless body sprawled between two heaps of railroad ties. She was nude from the waist down, legs splayed, her blouse pushed up to show her breasts. An autopsy report enumerated 19

stab wounds, with a gaping slash along her abdomen nearly disemboweling her. She was identified as Helen Patent, 52, well known in many of the bars on Frank-Pelvic X-ray of Albert Fish reveals needles he inserted in ford Avenue.

his groin. (Wide World API)

Just over four months later, on January 3, 1986, a second mutilated corpse was found on Ritner Street in South Philadelphia, 10 miles from the first murder scene.

Neighbors were surprised to see the door of 68-year-old homicides, including children killed in 1919, 1927, and Anna Carroll’s apartment standing open, and they 1934.

found her dead inside, on the floor of her bedroom. Like Authorities disagreed on his ultimate body count, Helen Patent, this victim was also nude below the waist, detectives listing at least three more victims in New her blouse pulled up. She had been stabbed six times, York City. Arrested for questioning in one case, Fish her abdomen sliced open from breastbone to pubis.

had been released because “he looked so innocent.” On No more was heard from the slasher for nearly a another occasion, a trolley conductor identified Fish as year—until Christmas night, in fact—when victim num-the man he saw with a small, sobbing boy on the day of ber three was found on Richmond Street in the Brides-the child’s disappearance. A court psychiatrist suspected burg neighborhood, three miles from where Helen Albert of at least five murders, with New York detec-Patent was killed. Once again, it was worried neighbors tives adding three more, and a justice of

the New York who found the corpse, investigating an open apartment Supreme Court was "reliably informed" of the killer's door to find 74-year-old Susan Olzef dead in her flat, involvement in 15 homicides.

stabbed six times in the back. Like Helen Patent, Olzef At trial, the state was desperate to win a death was a familiar figure on Frankford Avenue, police spec-penalty, overriding Fish's INSANITY DEFENSE with laugh-ulating that her killer may have known her from the able psychiatric testimony. Speaking for the state, a bat-neighborhood.

tery of doctors declared, straight-faced, that Thus far, Philadelphia's finest had little to go on, and coprophagia "is a common sort of thing. We don't call they resisted the notion of a serial killer at large in their people who do that mentally sick. A man who does that town. As Lieutenant Joe Washlick later told reporters in is socially perfectly all right. As far as his social status is an effort to explain the oversight, "The first three slay-concerned, he is supposed to be normal, because the ings happened in different parts of the city. We could State of New York Mental Hygiene Department also almost give you a different suspect for each job."

approves of that."

Almost . . . but not quite. In fact, there were no leads With Fish's rambling, obscene confessions in hand, and had been no arrests by January 8, 1987, when two the jury found him sane and guilty of premeditated Frankford Avenue fruit vendors found a woman's murder in Grace Budd's case. Sentenced to die, Fish was corpse stuffed underneath their stand, around 7:30 A.M.

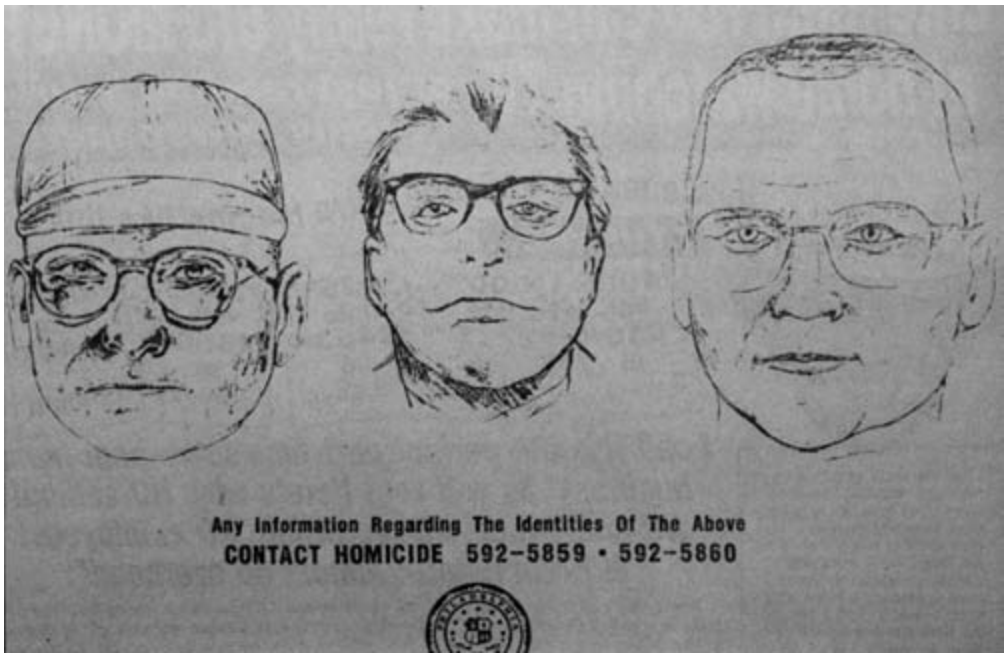
electrocuted at Sing Sing Prison on January 16, 1936.

The latest victim, 28-year-old Jeanne Durkin, lay face-According to one witness present, it took two jolts down and she was nude below the waist, legs spread.

before the chair completed its work, thus spawning a She had been stabbed no less than 74 times.

legend that the apparatus was short-circuited by all the With four corpses and no end in sight, authorities needles Fish had planted in his body.

officially linked the Patent and Durkin murders, later ***78***



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connecting all four and creating a special task force to his shoes, reporting them “similar, but not identical” to hunt the man Philadelphia journalists were already the killer’s.

calling the “Frankford Slasher.” For nearly two years, Another 15 months elapsed before the killer struck the task force spun its wheels, making no apparent again. Patrolman Dan Johnson was cruising his beat in progress until November 11, 1988. That morning, 66-the predawn hours of April 28, 1990, when he found a year-old Marge Vaughn was found dead on Penn

woman’s nude, eviscerated corpse in the alley behind a Avenue, stabbed 29 times in the vestibule of an apart-Frankford Avenue fish market. The latest victim had ment building from which she was evicted the previous been stabbed 36 times, slashed open from her navel to day. She died less than three blocks from the Durkin vagina, and otherwise mutilated. A purse, found murder site, a half-mile from the spot where Helen nearby, identified the woman as 45-year-old Carol Patent was found . . . and this time, there was a witness Dowd, and a preliminary canvass of the neighborhood of sorts.

turned up a witness who had seen her walking along A Frankford Avenue barmaid recalled seeing Vaughn Frankford Avenue with a middle-aged white man sev-around 6:00 P.M. the previous day. Vaughn had been eral hours before she was found.

drinking with a round-faced, middle-aged Caucasian man It looked like another dead end, until detectives got who wore glasses and walked with a limp. Several around to questioning employees of the fish market, sketches of the unknown subject were prepared and pub-several days later. One of them, 39-year-old Leonard lished, but despite predictable false leads and fingerpoint-Christopher, had already spoken to reporters, describing by uneasy or malicious neighbors, the police appeared ing the alley behind his workplace as "a hooker's par-no closer to their man than they had been in 1985.

adise" and frequent scene of drug deals. Questioned by Two months later, on January 19, 1989, 30-year-old authorities about his movements on the night Carol Theresa Sciortino left a Frankford Avenue saloon at six Dowd was murdered, Christopher replied that he had o'clock in the evening. She was last seen alive moments spent the evening with his girlfriend. The lady in ques-later, walking down the street with an unidentified tion, however, denied it, insisting that she spent the middle-aged man. Around 6:45 P.M., Sciortino's neigh-night at home, alone. Suspicious now, investigators bors heard sounds of an apparent struggle inside her took a closer look at Leonard Christopher. They found apartment, followed shortly by footsteps creeping a local mailman who reported seeing Christopher and down the stairs, but they failed to call police, and it Dowd together in a bar, the night she died. Another was 9:00 P.M. before they spoke to the apartment man-witness—this one a convicted prostitute—allegedly ager. He, in turn, waited past midnight to check on his saw Christopher and Dowd walking together down the tenant, then found Sciortino sprawled on the floor of street. A second hooker told police she saw Christo-her kitchen, nude but for socks, stabbed 25 times. A pher emerge from the Frankford Avenue alley around bloody footprint at the scene provided homicide detec-1:00 A.M. on April 28. According to her report, tives with their best lead yet, and while they initially Christopher had been "sweating profusely, had his focused on Sciortino's boyfriend, calling him "a good shirt over his arm, and a 'Rambo knife' was tucked suspect," he was finally cleared when police checked into his belt."

On the strength of those statements, Christopher—a black man who bore no resemblance to the "Frankford Slasher" sketches or the middle-aged Caucasian seen with Carol Dowd the night she died—was arrested for murder and held without bond, his trial date set for December. A search of

his apartment failed to turn up any useful evidence: one pair of slacks had a tiny bloodstain on one leg, but it was too small to be typed or subjected to any tests involving DNA.

While Christopher sat in jail, the Frankford

Slasher—or a skillful copycat—struck again in early September. It was 1:00 A.M. on September 8 when tenants of an Arrott Street apartment house complained of rancid odors emanating from the flat occupied by 30-year-old Michelle Martin. The manager used his pass-key and found Martin dead on the floor, nude from the Police sketches of "Frankford Slasher" suspect (Author's waist down, her blouse pushed up to bare her breasts.

collection)

Stabbed 23 times, she had been dead for roughly two

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days, last seen alive on the night of September 6, drink-local Ku Klux Klan. Franklin began insulting interracial ing with a middle-aged white man in a bar on Frank-couples in public, and on Labor Day 1976, he trailed ford Avenue.

one such couple to a dead-end street in Atlanta, spray-Ignoring their apparent dilemma, prosecutors went ing them with chemical Mace.

ahead with Leonard Christopher's trial on schedule, in About this time, Franklin legally changed his name, December 1990. Their case was admittedly weak—no shedding the last links with his "normal" life. Prosecu-motive or weapon, no witness to the crime itself, no evi-tors allege —and jurors have agreed—that he spent the dence of any kind connecting the defendant to the mur-years from 1977 to 1980 wandering across the South der scene—but jurors were persuaded by the testimony and Midwest, employing 18 pseudonyms, changing cars describing Christopher's "strange" behavior and lies to and weapons frequently, dyeing his hair so often that it police. On December 12, he was convicted of murder, came close to falling out. Along the way, he killed more later sentenced to life imprisonment. From his cell, than a dozen persons in a frenzied one-man war against Christopher still maintains, "I was railroaded."

minorities.

And what of the Frankford Slasher, described for According to the FBI, Franklin launched his cam-years as a middle-aged white man? What of the near-paign in the summer of 1977, bombing a Chattanooga identical murder committed while Christopher sat in synagogue on July 29. Nine

days later, investigators say jail? Lieutenant Washlick seemed to shrug the problem he shot and killed an interracial couple, Alphonse Man-off, telling reporters, "Surprisingly, we still get phone ning and Toni Schwenn, both 23, in Madison, Wiscon-calls. Leonard Christopher is a suspect in some of the sin. On October 8, Gerald Gordon was killed by sniper killings, and we have additional suspects as well. Last fire as he left a bar mitzvah in the St. Louis suburb of year, we had 481 homicides in the city, and we solved Richmond Heights.

eighty-two percent of them."

Harold McIver, the black manager of a fast-food But not the Frankford Slasher case. The perpetrator restaurant in Doraville, Georgia, was working the night of those crimes is still at large.

shift when a sniper took his life on July 22, 1979. On August 8, another black man, 28-year-old Raymond Taylor, was shot and killed through the window of a ***FRANKLIN, Joseph Paul***

restaurant in Falls Church, Virginia. Ten weeks later, on Born James Clayton Vaughn Jr. in Mobile, Alabama, October 21, another interracial couple came under Franklin was the eldest son of an alcoholic drifter who attack from the itinerant gunman in Oklahoma City: abandoned his family for months or years at a stretch.

Jesse Taylor was hit three times with a high-powered Siblings remember that James Vaughn Sr. would cele-rifle before he expired; a single round through the chest brate infrequent homecomings by beating his children, killed Marian Bresette as she ran to the aid of her com-with James Jr. absorbing the worst punishment. As a mon-law husband.

youth, Franklin went for food fads and fringe religions, Franklin struck twice in Indianapolis during January dropping out of high school after an incident left him 1980, killing black men with long-distance rifle fire in with severely impaired eyesight.

two separate attacks: 22-year-old Lawrence Reese died The injury was a two-edged sword, exempting

in another restaurant shooting, on January 12; two Franklin from military conscription, and he married in days later, 19-year-old Leo Watkins was killed at a local 1968 at an age when many young men were sweating shopping mall. On May 3, Franklin allegedly killed a out the draft lottery, fearful of the war in Vietnam.

young white woman, Rebecca Bergstrom, dumping her Soon after their wedding, Franklin's bride noted a body near Tomah, in central Wisconsin. On June 6 he change in his personality "like night and day." He surfaced in Cincinnati, killing black cousins Darrell began to beat her, emulating the father he hated, and on Lane and Dante Brown from his sniper's perch on a other occasions she would find him inexplicably weep-nearby railroad trestle. Nine days later, in Johnstown, ing. About the same time, their all-white neighborhood Ohio, Franklin shotgunned a black couple—Arthur was racially integrated, and Franklin began to veer hard Smothers and Kathleen Mikula—as they crossed a right, into the realm of pathological bigotry.

downtown bridge. On August 20, black joggers Ted The next few years were marked by ugly racial inci-Fields and David Martin were cut down by rifle fire in dents and sporadic arrests for carrying concealed Salt Lake City, Utah.

weapons. Franklin was increasingly drawn to the Amer-Arrested in Kentucky on September 25, 1980 (and ican Nazi Party, lapsing into the segregationist move-recaptured a month later after escaping to Florida), ment full-time after his mother's death in 1972. Moving Franklin faced a marathon series of state and federal to Atlanta, he joined the neo-fascist National States trials with mixed results. In 1982, he was acquitted of Rights Party, simultaneously holding membership in the federal civil rights charges in the May 1980 shooting ***80***

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that left civil rights leader Vernon Jordan critically their murders to an unknown "Freeway Killer." Of 11

injured in Fort Wayne, Indiana (although jurors said victims slaughtered prior to 1976, most were known or they were convinced he shot Jordan and Franklin later suspected homosexuals, their deaths lending credence confessed). Utah juries subsequently convicted him of to the notion that the murderer himself was gay. While two murders and civil rights violations; Franklin was strangulation was the favored mode of death, some vic-serving life on those counts in 1983 when he confessed tims had been stabbed with knives or ice picks, and the 1978 sniping that crippled Hustler magazine pub-their bodies bore the traces of sadistic torture. Homi-lisher Larry Flynt in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

cide investigators noted different hands at work in sev-

(Franklin was indicted for that crime but never tried, eral of the murders, but they finally agreed that 21 were since he already faced stiffer penalties in other states.) almost certainly connected. (Sixteen others would be More convictions followed: for the Chattanooga solved in 1983 with the arrest of "Scorecard Killer"

bombing; for the double murder in Wisconsin,

RANDY KRAFT.)

described by prosecutors as "the closest thing to killing The first "definite" victim was 14-year-old Thomas for sport"; for the murder of Gerald Gordon, killed Lundgren, abducted from Reseda on May 28, 1979, leaving a Clayton, Missouri synagogue in 1977 (his first and discarded the same day near Malibu. Mark Shel-death sentence); for the June 1980 double murder in ton, 17, was next, reported missing from Westminster Cincinnati; for the 1978 murder of William Tatum, on August 4, his body recovered a week later at Cajon shot while talking to a white woman outside a Chat-Pass. The day after Shelton's disappearance, 17-year-tanooga restaurant. Other crimes confessed by Franklin old Marcus Grabs was kidnapped in Newport Beach, without further convictions include the 1978 shooting his violated corpse discovered at Agoura on August 6.

of an interracial couple in Atlanta (one victim died, the Donald Hyden, 15, was also found in Agoura, on other remains paralyzed); the separate 1979 murders of August 27—the same day he disappeared from Holly-a black man and a white woman in Decatur, Georgia; wood. On September 7, 17-year-old David Murillo the 1980 murders of two female hitchhikers in West vanished from La Mirada, his body found in Ventura Virginia; the 1980 murder of an interracial couple in five days later. The remains of Robert Wirotsek were Johnstown, Ohio; and the 1980 murder of an interra-found off Interstate 10, between Banning and Palm cial couple in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Overall, investi-Springs, on September 27, but 11 months would pass gators believe Franklin is responsible for at least 18

before he was identified. Another "John Doe" was dis-murders and five nonfatal shootings in 11 states, plus covered in Kern County on November 30, with 18-two bombings and 16 bank robberies. On April 29, year-old Frank Fox murdered at Long Beach two days 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Franklin's later. The killer's last victim for 1979 was another appeal of his conviction in the George Gordon murder.

unidentified male, aged 15 to 20, his violated body One confession with unexpected repercussions was found on December 13.

Franklin's admission that he shot 26-year-old Vicki The new year began badly for southern California, Durian and 19-year-old Nancy Santomero on June 25, with 16-year-old Michael McDonald abducted from 1980, while they were hitchhiking to the Rainbow Fes-Ontario on January 1, 1980, found dead two days later tival in West Virginia's Monongahela National Park.

in San Bernardino County. Charles Miranda, 14, disap-Suspect Jacob Beard was convicted of the so-called peared from Los Angeles on February 3, his body dis-Rainbow murders in 1993 and received two sentences carded in Hollywood later that day. On February 5, of life imprisonment without parole. Franklin upset 12-year-old James McCabe was kidnapped in Hunting-that verdict with his confession that he shot the girls ton Beach, his body recovered three days later in Gar-because they favored interracial dating. "One of them den Grove. Ronald Gatlin, 18, disappeared in Van told me she had dated blacks and all that," he said.

Nuys on March 14, found dead the next day in Duarte.

"And the other one told me she would if she had a Fifteen-year-old Russell Pugh was reported missing chance so I just decided to waste them at that time."

from Huntington Beach on March 21, his body found Beard was released on $150,000 bond, pending retrial next day at the Lower San Juan Campground, along of his case, and a second jury acquitted him of all with the corpse of 14-year-old victim Glen Barker.

charges on May 31, 2000.

Three days later, police found 15-year-old Harry Turner slain in Los Angeles proper.

The killer claimed two victims on April 10, 1980,

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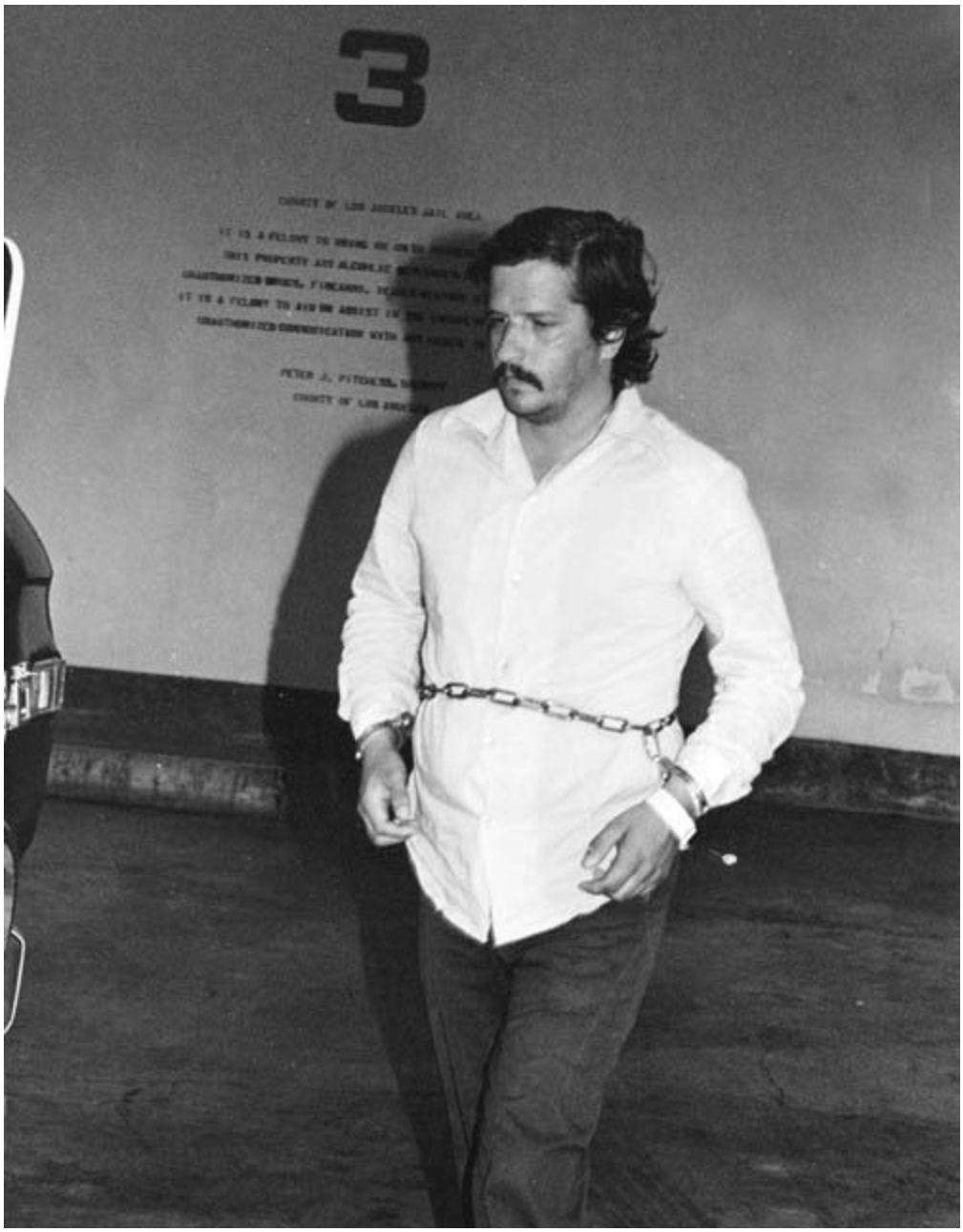
abducting 16-year-old Steven Wood from Bellflower, Between December 1972 and June 1980, authorities in rebounding to snatch 18-year-old Lawrence Sharp from seven southern California counties recorded the violent Long Beach hours later. Wood's body was found April deaths of at least 44 young men and boys, attributing 11 at Long Beach, but Sharp remained missing until ***81***



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ping and raping a 14-year-old boy. Bonin had been paroled in October 1978, seven months before the death of Thomas Lundgren.

Officers established round-the-clock surveillance on Bonin, striking paydirt after 24 hours. On the night of June 11, 1980, their suspect was arrested while sodomizing a young man in his van and was booked on suspicion of murder and various sex charges. Held in lieu of $250,000 bond, Bonin was still in jail when police picked up 22-year-old Vernon Butts on July 25, charging him as an accomplice in six of the “freeway”

murders. Between July 26 and 29, Bonin was formally charged with 14 counts of murder, 11 counts of robbery, plus one count each of sodomy and mayhem.

Butts, facing six counts of murder and three counts of robbery, soon began "singing" to police, naming more alleged accomplices in the murder ring. James Michael Munro, 19, was arrested in Michigan on July 31 and was returned to California for trial on charges of killing Stephen Wells. Three weeks later, on August 22, 19-year-old Gregory M. Miley was arrested in Texas, waiv-ing extradition on charges of murdering Charles Miranda and James McCabe, plus two counts of robbery and one count of sodomy.

Orange County raised the ante on October 29, 1980, charging Vernon Butts with the murders of Mark Shel-

"Freeway Killer" William Bonin in manacles (Wide World API) ton, Robert Wirotsek, and Daren Kendrick, plus 17

other felony counts including conspiracy, kidnapping, robbery, sodomy, oral copulation, and sex perversion.

May 18 when his remains were discovered in Westmin-Greg Miley was also charged in another Orange mur-ster. Meanwhile, on April 29, 19-year-old Daren der, plus seven related felony counts. By December 8, Kendrick was reported missing in Stanton, his body suspect Eric Marten Wijnaendts —a 20-year-old Dutch recovered from Carson on May 10, with traces of chlo-immigrant—had been added to the roster, charged with ral hydrate ("knockout drops") in his system. On May complicity in the murder of Harry Turner.

19, 14-year-old Sean King vanished without a trace in Under California law, a murder committed with

South Gate; he remains among the missing. Eighteen-

"special circumstances"—accompanied by torture, year-old Stephen Wells, the last to die, was kidnapped rape, or robbery—may be punished by death. In

in Los Angeles on June 2, his body discovered the next December, Bonin's playmates started cracking, pleading day at Huntington Beach.

guilty on various felony charges and drawing life sen-Police got their break on June 10 when 18-year-old tences in return for their promise of testimony against William Ray Pugh (no relation to Russell Pugh) con-Bonin. They spelled out details of the torture suffered fessed "inside"

knowledge of the murder series. Pugh by assorted "freeway" victims and the glee with which identified the killer as William George Bonin, a 32-year-Bonin inflicted pain. As one remarked, "Bill said he old Vietnam veteran and truck driver residing in loved those sounds of screams." On January 11, after Downey. A glance at the record revealed Bonin's 1969

telling police of Bonin's "hypnotic" control, Vernon conviction in Torrance on felony counts of kidnapping, Butts hanged himself in his cell, finally successful in the sodomy, child molestation, and forcible oral copula-fifth suicide attempt since his arrest. With the new testi-tion. The charges stemmed from four separate attacks mony in hand, Orange County indicted Bonin on eight between November 1968 and January 1969, with

more counts of murder with 25 related counts of rob-Bonin diagnosed as a mentally disordered sex offender, bery and sexual assault.

committed to Atascadero State Hospital. He was William Bonin's trial on 12 counts of murder opened released in May 1974 on the recommendation of psy-November 4, 1981, in Los Angeles. Greg Miley and chiatrists who found him "no longer dangerous." Two James Munro testified for the state, describing how years later, he was back in prison, convicted of kidnap-Bonin—after his arrest—had urged them to "start going ***82***

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around grabbing anyone off the street and killing them"

marks of strangulation were apparent when her body in a bid to convince authorities that the "Freeway was found six days later, discarded on Pennsylvania Killer" was still at large. A television reporter divulged Avenue, near the Maryland state line. At 18, Brenda contents of a jailhouse interview in which Bonin admit-Denise Woodward was the oldest victim, kidnapped ted participation in 21 murders. "I couldn't stop from a Washington bus stop on November 15, stabbed killing," the trucker had said. "It got easier with each to death, and dumped the next day on an access road one we did."

leading to Prince Georges County Hospital. A mocking On January 5, 1982, after eight hours of delibera-note, its contents still unpublished, was discovered with tion, jurors convicted Bonin on 10 counts of murder the body, signed "The Freeway Phantom" in accor-and 10 of robbery. (He was acquitted in the deaths of dance with the nickname coined by journalists. In a Thomas Lundgren and Sean King.) Two weeks later, he macabre twist,

FBI experts reported that Woodward was formally sentenced to death, but it took another 14

had written the note herself, in a steady hand, betraying years to see that sentence carried out. On February 23, no hint of tension or fear.

1996, Bonin was finally executed in the gas chamber at For once, police had ample evidence of pattern, from San Quentin Prison. It was noted that his passing left the victim's race—all African-American—to the pecu-bridge partners Randy Kraft, LAWRENCE BITTAKER, and liar fact that four were named Denise. There also DOUGLAS CLARK one hand short for their next game of seemed to be a geographical connection both in the cards on death row.

abduction and disposal of remains, but speculation brought authorities no closer to their goal of an arrest.

The black community in Washington was up in arms,

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demanding a solution to the case, intent on proving that A puzzling case recorded from the nation's capital, this a white man was to blame, but angry rhetoric did noth-murder series stands officially unsolved despite convic-ing to advance the murder probe.

tion of two defendants in one of seven similar homi-Ten months elapsed before the Phantom claimed his cides. Authorities have speculated on solutions in the final victim, abducting 17-year-old Diane Williams on case, asserting that "justice was served" by the roundup September 5, 1972, Her body was found the next day of suspects on unrelated charges, but their faith was along I-295, five miles from the point where Carole shaken by an outbreak of look-alike murders in Prince Sparks was discovered in May 1971. Again, police Georges County, Maryland, during 1987. At this writ-noted striking similarities with the other crimes—and ing, some students of the case believe the "Phantom"

again, they found no evidence that would identify a sus-has eluded homicide detectives altogether, shifting his pect in the case.

field of operations to a more fertile hunting ground.

In late March, Maryland state police arrested two The capital stalker's first victim was 13-year-old black suspects—30-year-old Edward Leon Sellman and Carole Denise Sparks, abducted on April 25, 1971, 26-year-old Tommie Bernard Simmons—on charges of while en route to a neighborhood store in southeast murdering Angela Barnes. Both suspects

were ex-police-Washington. Her strangled, ravaged body was recov-men from Washington, and both had resigned in early ered six days later, a mile and a half from home, lying 1971 before completion of their mandatory probation on the shoulder of Interstate Highway 295, one of sev-periods. Investigators now divorced the Barnes murder eral freeways passing through Washington east of the from other crimes in the Freeway Phantom series, filing Anacostia River.

additional charges against both suspects in the February Ten weeks passed before 16-year-old Darlenia

1971 abduction and rape of a Maryland waitress. Con-Denise Johnson disappeared, on July 8, from the same victed of murder in 1974, both defendants were sen-street where Carole Sparks was kidnapped. Strangled to tenced to life.

death, she was found on July 19 within 15 feet of the Meanwhile, a federal grand jury probing the Phan-spot where Sparks was discovered on May 1. In the tom murders focused its spotlight on "a loosely knit meantime, a third victim, 14-year-old Angela Denise group of persons" suspected of luring girls and young Barnes, had been abducted from southeast Washington women into cars—sometimes rented for the hunt—then on July 13, shot to death, and dumped the same day at raping and/or killing their victims for sport. Suspects Waldorf, Maryland. Brenda Crockett, age 10, disap-John N. Davis, 28, and 27-year-old Morris Warren peared two weeks later, her strangled corpse recovered were already serving life on conviction for previous on July 28 near an underpass on U.S. Highway 50.

rapes when a new series of indictments was handed The killer took a two-month break in August and down in December 1974. Warren received a grant of September, returning with a vengeance to abduct 12-limited immunity in return for testimony against Davis year-old Nenomoshia Yates on October 1. Familiar and another defendant, 27-year-old Melvyn Sylvester ***83***

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Gray. As a government spokesman explained, "The reported from neighboring Maryland. Again, the female ends of justice can be served just as well if the person is victims were young and black, abducted and discarded convicted and sentenced to life for kidnapping than if in a

manner reminiscent of the Freeway Phantom's he is jailed for the same term for murder."

style. Authorities refuse to speculate upon a link Critics questioned the wisdom of that advice 13

between the crimes, and so both cases are considered years later when a new series of unsolved murders was

"open," officially unsolved.

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spanning a period of months. Those accusations were John Gacy Sr. was an alcoholic tyrant in his home, a still pending when Gacy hired a teenage thug to beat the crude exaggeration of the famous Archie Bunker TV

prosecution's witness, and more charges were filed.

character with every trace of humor wiped away. He Striking a bargain, Gacy pled guilty to sodomy, and the made no effort to conceal his disappointment with the other charges were dismissed. Sentenced to 10 years in son who bore his name, inflicting brutal beatings for the prison, he proved himself a model prisoner and was least offense, occasionally picking up the boy and hurl-released in 18 months.

ing him across a room. In more pacific moments, he With the state's permission, Gacy moved back to was satisfied to damn John Jr. as a "sissy" who was Chicago, where he established himself as a successful

"dumb and stupid," useless in the scheme of things. In building contractor. Divorced while in prison, he soon time, the "sissy" portion of his groundless accusations remarried, settling in a middle-class neighborhood of sub-would appear to be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

urban Des Plaines, where he was popular with his neigh-Born in March 1942 in Chicago, Gacy grew up

bors and hosted elaborate holiday theme parties. On the doubting his own masculinity and taking refuge from side, he was active in Democratic politics—once posing sports and other "manly" activities through precocious for photos with the wife of President Jimmy Carter—and hypochondria. Struck on the head by a swing at age 11, as "Pogo the Clown," performing in full makeup at chil-he suffered periodic blackouts for the next five years dren's parties and charity events. Few of his new

acquain-until their cause—a blood clot on his brain—was finally tances knew anything about the Iowa arrest, and those dissolved with medication. Thus deprived of one afflic-who heard a rumor were assured that John had merely tion, he developed (or imagined) yet another, settling on done some time for "dealing in a little porn."

the symptoms of a heart ailment that seemed to come On February 12, 1971, Gacy was charged with dis-and go, depending on his mood.

orderly conduct in Chicago, on the complaint of a boy After graduation from business college, Gacy became he attempted to rape. The accuser, known to be gay, a shoe salesman, but he had his sights on better things.

failed to appear in court for Gacy's hearing, and the He married a coworker whose parents owned a fried charges were dismissed. Parole officers in Iowa were chicken restaurant in Waterloo, Iowa, and Gacy never notified of the arrest or accusations, and Gacy stepped into a ready-made role as the restaurant's man-was formally discharged from parole on October 18, ager. He was a whiz kid on the job, belying everything 1971.

his father had to say about his intellect and drive, By his own estimate, the first murder occurred less ascending to a post of admiration and respect among than three months later, on January 3, 1972. The vic-the local Jaycees. His wife and friends were absolutely tim, picked up at a bus terminal, remains unidentified, unprepared for John's arrest in May of 1968 on charges but his death was typical of Gacy's future approach. In of coercing a young employee into homosexual acts searching for prey, Gacy sometimes fell back on young ***85***

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friends and employees but more often relied on trolling Not all of Gacy's victims died. In December 1977, the streets of Chicago for hustlers and runaways. Like Robert Donnelly was abducted at gunpoint, tortured, the "Hillside Stranglers" in Los Angeles, he would and sodomized in Gacy's house of horrors, then sometimes flash a badge and gun, "arresting" his released. Three months later, 27-year-old Jeffrey Rignall intended victim. Others were invited to the Gacy home was having a drink at Gacy's home when he was chlo-for drinks or a game of pool, and John would show roformed and fastened to "the rack," a homemade tor-them "tricks" with "magic handcuffs," later hauling ture device similar to that used by DEAN

CORLL in out sex toys and the garrote. When he was finished, Houston. Gacy spent several hours raping and whip-John would do the "rope trick"—strangulation—and ping Rignall, applying the chloroform with such fre-his victim would be buried in a crawl space underneath quency that Rignall's liver suffered permanent damage.

the house. In later years, as he ran out of space down-Regaining consciousness beside a lake in Lincoln Park, stairs, he started dumping bodies in a nearby river.

Rignall called police at once, but it was mid-July before Planting corpses in the crawl space had its draw-they got around to charging Gacy with a misdemeanor.

backs, notably a rank, pervasive odor that the killer The case was still dragging on five months later when blamed on "sewer problems." Gacy's second wife was Gacy was picked up on charges of multiple murder.

also in the way, her presence limiting his playtime to The end, when it came at last, was solely due to occasions when she left the house or traveled out of Gacy's carelessness. Fifteen-year-old Robert Piest disap-town, but when their marriage fell apart in 1976, Gacy peared from his job at a Chicago pharmacy on October was able to accelerate his program of annihilation.

12, 1978. Gacy's construction firm had lately remod-Between April 6 and June 13, 1976, at least five boys eled the store, and Piest had been offered a job with the were slaughtered at Gacy's home, and there seemed to crew, informing coworkers of his intention to meet "a be no end in sight. On October 25 of that year, he killed contractor" on the night of his disappearance. Police two victims at once, dumping their bodies in a common dropped by to question Gacy at his home, and they grave. As time went by, his targets ranged in age from immediately recognized the odor emanating from his nine to 20, covering the social spectrum from middle-crawl space. Before they finished digging, Gacy's lot class teens to jailbirds and male prostitutes.

would yield 28 bodies, with five more recovered from rivers nearby. Nine of the 33 victims would remain forever unidentified.

In custody, Gacy tried to blame his murderous activities on "Jack," an alter ego (and, coincidentally, the alias he used when posing as a cop). Psychiatrists dismissed the ruse, and Gacy was convicted on 33 counts of first-degree murder in March 1980. Life sentences were handed down in 21

cases, covering deaths that occurred before June 21, 1977, when Illinois reinstated CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. Twelve death sentences were imposed in the cases of victims murdered between July 1977 and December 1978.

Over the next 14 years, Gacy remained a controversial inmate on death row. Abandoning the split-personality defense, he now claimed the bodies unearthed at his home had been planted during his absence by unknown conspirators. He described himself as "the thirty-fourth victim" of an insidious murder plot, with the true killers still at large. By 1993, supporters and the curious could dial Gacy's personal 900 telephone number for a 12-minute "refutation" of the prosecution's case—at a price of $1.99 per minute. Gacy also raised a storm of protest with the paintings—mostly grinning skulls and sad-faced clowns—that he produced and sold from death row. As his appeals ran out and time grew short in early 1994, the killer's portraits were hailed as collector's items, some of them selling at John Wayne Gacy Jr. (Wide World API)

five-figure prices. Brisk sales were also reported for two ***86***

GALLEGO, Gerald Armand and Charlene

published volumes of Gacy's prison correspondence woman," Charlene persuaded her parents to invest with friends on the outside.

$15,000 in a Folsom gift shop, aptly christened "The Last-minute appeals failed to halt Gacy's execution Dingaling Shop." When that venture went belly-up, she by lethal injection on May 10, 1994. At the end, there tried her hand at marriage, with equally disastrous were those who believed Gacy innocent and others who results.

suspect he may have had accomplices in his long-run-Charlene's first husband, an impotent junkie, was ning murder spree . . . who still remain at large. The discarded for failing to please her in bed. In retrospect, state of Illinois, meanwhile, was outraged at the mur-he thought the relationship might have gone better if he derer's celebrity, announcing plans to sue his estate for had played along with Charlene's plan to hire a prosti-reimbursement of costs for room and board, incurred tute for kinky threesomes, but he preferred to spend his by Gacy during 14 years on death row.

money on heroin. Husband number two shunned

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drugs; he also shunned his bride, dumping Charlene after several weeks of marriage to live with another woman. On September 10, 1977, Charlene

was shop-GALLEGO, Gerald Armand and Charlene

ping for dope at a Sacramento poker club when she met Gerald Armand Gallego never met his father, but he had Gerald Gallego and fell in love at first sight. A week the old man's temper, all the same. Gerald Senior was after their first meeting, the lovebirds moved in serving time in San Quentin when his son was born in together, renting a small house on Sacramento's Blue-1946, and nine years later he became the first man to die bird Lane.

in Mississippi's gas chamber, condemned for the mur-Variety was the spice of life for Gallego, and ders of two police officers. Gerald Junior was unaware monogamy ran against the grain. Charlene was willing of the fact, accepting his mother's fiction of an acciden-to accommodate his taste for strangers if it kept him tal death, but he was already launched on a criminal home at night, and she made no complaint when he career of his own. Dozens of minor scrapes with the law moved a teenage runaway into their love nest. Gerald climaxed at age 13, with Gerald's incarceration for rap-enjoyed having sex with two women at once, but it was ing a six-year-old neighbor. His adult record listed 27

a different story when he came home early one after-felony arrests and seven convictions, with outstanding noon to find the teenager engaged with Charlene.

warrants for incest, rape, and sodomy. By age 32, he had Enraged, he threw the youngster out an open window been married seven times—twice to the same woman—

and gave Charlene the first of many beatings that would with several bigamous unions along the way. The incest soon become a staple of their turbulent relationship.

charge related to his daughter, Mary Ellen, whom he The revelation of Charlene's bisexuality turned Gal-had repeatedly molested from the age of six.

lego's world upside-down. The self-styled "macho Despite the overwhelming down side, Gallego could man" was suddenly unable to perform in bed, except turn on the charm when he chose, and it was running when forcing himself on Charlene. Violence bred of full blast in September 1977 when he met the woman frustration became a daily event in their home, Char-who would share his final years of freedom.

lene sometimes giving as good as she got. In one free-The pampered only child of a supermarket executive for-all, Gerald broke a finger while

punching Charlene in Stockton, California, Charlene Williams was 10

in the face; she responded by splitting his scalp with a years Gerald's junior, born in October 1956. A certified club, and Gerald was holding her at gunpoint when genius, her IQ tested at 160 in high school, she also Charlene's mother interrupted the fracas.

possessed a photographic memory and played classical In July 1978, Charlene dreamed up a surprise for violin well enough to rate an invitation from San Fran-Gerald's 33rd birthday, inviting his daughter Mary cisco's Conservatory of Music. Despite the early Ellen and one of her adolescent girlfriends to spend the promise, though, she drifted into drug abuse at 12, lost night on Bluebird Lane. It quickly turned into an orgy, her virginity a year later, and qualified as a borderline all three females serving Gerald, and his impotence alcoholic by age 14. A year later, she was boasting to seemed to be cured . . . for the moment. Mary Ellen's classmates of her ongoing affair with a black college departure brought a swift relapse, however, and Char-student—one of the few indiscretions she managed to lene conceived the idea of using "disposable sex slaves"

hide from her doting parents.

to keep her man happy. They spent two months refining Genius IQ notwithstanding, Charlene's extracurricu-the plan, in which Charlene—dressed up to make her-lar activities played havoc with her studies at Rio Amer-self look like a teen—would lure the chosen prey into icano High School, in Sacramento. She squeaked her "Daddy's" waiting hands.

through graduation but washed out of junior college in On September 11, 1978, 17-year-old Rhonda Schef-her first semester. Bent on becoming "a business-fler and a friend, 16-year-old Kippi Vaught, disappeared ***87***

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from Sacramento on a short walk to a local shopping 21, was four months pregnant when she disappeared center. Two days passed before their ravaged, battered from Port Orford on June 8, 1980. Relatives reported bodies were recovered outside Baxter, 15 miles away.

her missing on June 20, and her body was found two Each girl had been sodomized by Gallego and forced to days later, planted in a shallow grave south of Gold perform oral sex on Charlene, after which Charlene Beach. Sexually abused by both Gallegos, the victim's gnawed on their bodies. After the rapes, both victims skull was shattered, her wrists and ankles bound with were bound and beaten to death with a tire iron, and a nylon

cord, but an autopsy revealed sand in her nose, single bullet was fired into each skull at close range.

mouth, and throat, indicating that she was buried alive.

Pleased with their experiment, the homicidal lovers Somehow, the latest murder failed to satisfy Gerald celebrated by driving to Reno on September 30, where and Charlene, perhaps because they only had one vic-they were married with Charlene's parents as witnesses.

tim to abuse. Tension mounted around the Gallego Back in Sacramento, Charles Williams found his daugh-homestead, with neighbors calling police to break up ter a job in a meatpacking plant, thereby satisfying Ger-screaming fights on July 12 and 14. Both times, Char-ald's demand that she pay her own way.

lene convinced patrolmen that the sounds of combat On June 24, 1979, 14-year-old Brenda Judd and 13-emanated from their TV set, denying any conflict with year-old Sandra Colley vanished from the Washoe her spouse.

County fairgrounds in Reno. Wheeling the murder van On July 17, 1980, 34-year-old Virginia Mochel was along a desert highway, Charlene grew so furious at abducted from the parking lot of a West Sacramento Gerald's starting the rape without her that she swerved tavern, where she worked as a barmaid. For the first off the road and grabbed a gun, intent on killing him.

time, Gerald and Charlene took their victim back to Shots were exchanged, a bullet grazing Gerald's arm Bluebird Lane, smuggling her into the house under cover before the macho man called for a cease-fire, complain-of darkness. Repeatedly sodomized by both Gerald and ing that the van's abrupt halt had bruised his Charlene, the victim was also flogged with a rope and genitals.Temporarily out of action, Gallego watched otherwise abused before Gerald dragged her back to the Charlene molest both girls before he finished them off van and strangled her there. Mochel's skeletal remains, with point-blank gunfire.

still bound with nylon fishing line, were found outside of Judd and Colley were still listed as missing in 1982

Clarksburg, California, on October 30.

when Charlene's jailhouse confession solved the mys-Three days later, around 1:30 A.M., 22-year-old tery of their disappearance. In the meantime, she sug-Craig Miller left a Sacramento fraternity dance with his gested the abduction of two black girls on their next date, 21-year-old Beth

Sowers. Moments later, friends outing, but Gerald refused to "contaminate" himself observed the couple seated in a car outside, a rough-with interracial sex. Finding herself pregnant three looking stranger sitting up front on the passenger's side.

weeks after the second double murder, Charlene told One of Craig's friends was sliding in behind the wheel her husband the good news. Gallego angrily forced her to make small talk when Charlene Gallego appeared, to go for an abortion—at her own expense, of course.

slapping his face as she ordered him out of the car; she On April 24, 1980, teenagers Karen Chipman and jumped behind the wheel and sped away. Miller's frat Stacey Redican disappeared from a Reno shopping mall.

brothers memorized the license plate, telling their story Their remains were later discovered near Lovelock, to police when Craig was found dead the next day at Nevada, on July 27. Both victims had been sexually Bass Lake. Beth Sowers would not be found until abused by the Gallegos, separately and in tandem, before November 22, shot three times and dumped in a Placer they were beaten to death with a blunt instrument.

County ditch.

Five weeks later, on June 1, Charlene's parents joined Officers traced the vehicle to Charlene's parents, the killer couple on another drive to Reno, where Ger-recording a flat denial of its involvement in any crime ald and Charlene repeated their marriage vows. This from "Mrs. Steven Feil." The Gallegos promptly time around, Gallego used the name Steven Robert Feil, skipped town, but Charlene phoned her parents for a false identity he had secured by stealing a policeman's money a few days later. Police were ready when the ID card, using the vital information to request a "dupli-next call came, from Omaha, and FBI agents dropped cate" birth certificate and driver's license for himself. If the net on November 17, when Gerald and Charlene Charlene's parents questioned the curious move, they called for their money at a Western Union office.

kept all doubts to themselves. Charlene was eight weeks The killer team of man and wife hung tough for eight pregnant on her wedding day, but this time Gerald took months, but July 1981 found Charlene shopping for a the news well, deciding the baby was "a keeper."

way to save herself. On July 27, she offered a confes-Gerald and Charlene celebrated their second wed-sion linking Gerald to the Miller-

Sowers homicides if ding with a fishing trip to Oregon. Linda Aguilar, age only she could be released on bail. Prosecutors ignored ***88***

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her, and Charlene tried again on March 2, 1982, roamed at will throughout the country, kidnapping and announcing her desire to clear 10 murder cases in killing scores of children. Most of the victims were exchange for leniency. Police were skeptical until they boys, although five young girls disappeared from a heard the details, some resisting the plea bargain even three-block stretch of Bogotá's Miguelito district then, but the deal was struck by late summer. In return between November 1995 and July 1997. The manhunt for testimony against her husband, Charlene would began during 1997, after 36 decomposed bodies were receive a maximum sentence of 16 years and eight pulled from shallow graves outside Pereira, 110 miles months in prison.

west of Bogotá. In November 1998, Pereira's mayor Gerald Gallego's first trial, in the Miller-Sowers case, announced that 13 more bodies—12 boys and one

opened on November 15, 1982, in Martinez, Califor-girl—had been discovered, most beheaded, some with nia. Jury selection took more than a month, with Gal-hands bound and bearing signs of torture. None were lego serving as his own attorney, and the trial dragged identified, but police estimated their ages between eight on through May. Charlene's self-serving testimony did and 13 years.

the trick, and her husband was sentenced to death on On December 31, 1998, police arrested suspect

June 22, 1983.

Pedro Pablo Ramírez, a paroled sex offender, on suspi-Transferred to Nevada for trial in the Chipman-Red-cion of murdering 29 children. The ink on that story ican murders, Gerald became the target of an unprece-was barely dry when authorities scaled back their esti-dented public subscription campaign, with California mate, naming Ramírez as a suspect in "at least three"

residents donating $23,000 to help defray prosecution Pereira murders and "possibly three others" in nearby expenses. Gallego's second trial opened on May 23, Armenia. No disposition of his case was ever pub-1984, with Charlene taking the stand on May 24. One lished, but Ramírez was presumably released, when the June 7, jurors convicted Gallego on two

counts of mur-murders continued despite his arrest. On September 8, der and two counts of kidnapping, recommending exe-1999, Colombia's police chief, General Rosso Serrano, cution. Gerald received his second death sentence two broadcast a new alarm. "We fear," he told reporters, weeks later, and he was housed at Carson City to await

"that there could be a serial killer or a group of mur-execution.

derers on the loose." All told, Serrano said, 55 bodies Charlene, for her part, was also jailed in Nevada for had been found since 1994. "The bodies of the chil-reasons of personal security. "Good time" made her eli-dren were all similarly mutilated," he declared. "They gible for parole in 1991, but she agreed to serve her full were buried with hands tied and organs missing."

sentence in lieu of facing additional murder and kidnap-Pereira residents feared a satanic cult at work, while ping charges in California. Her term completed, she other theorists attributed the crimes to black-market was duly released from custody in July 1997. Gerald, organ traffickers. Most of the victims were homeless meanwhile, clung to hopes of a reprieve in September street children, and hundreds more were missing 1997 after a federal appeals court ordered a new sen-nationwide.

tencing hearing on grounds that the trial judge issued In fact, by the time General Serrano sounded the faulty jury instructions. Nevada's attorney general alarm, his quarry was already in custody. Luis Garavito missed the February 1999 deadline for appealing that was arrested in April 1999 for attempted rape, and sat decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, and jury selection in jail thereafter while detectives chased Colombia's for Gallego's new penalty hearing began on September child-killer far and wide. Born in 1957 at Genova or 13, 1999. Two months later, on November 17, the new Pereira (reports vary), the youngest of seven children in panel condemned Gallego once again. The ink was a poor family, Garavito was frequently beaten by his barely dry on that verdict when, on November 20, alcoholic father and raped by two male neighbors. He 1999, skeletal remains of two Gallego victims were quit school in fifth grade and began drifting aimlessly at found in Lassen County, California. They were identi-age 16, a heavy drinker subject to depression and suici-fied in December as Sandra Colley and Brenda Judd.

dal urges. In his travels, Garavito worked as a handy-Cancer claimed Gallego's life on July 18, 2002.

man and street vendor, sometimes posing as a monk or spokesman for fictitious groups serving the elderly and children's education. The latter facade gained him ***GARAVITO, Luis Alfredo***

entrance to various schools as a "guest speaker," where Colombia is one of the world's most violent nations, he basked in attention from children. Acquaintances renowned for its drug wars and narco-terrorism, politi-throughout Colombia knew Garavito by various nick-cal upheavals, public assassinations, and random acts names—"Goofy," "The Priest," and "El Loco" (mad-of mayhem. Even so, jaded police and journalists were man). Garavito claimed his first victim in 1992, and shocked in the 1990s as some unknown predator

thereafter recorded his killings in a dog-eared notebook ***89***

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This mural in Pereira, Colombia, was made in the memory of the children that were killed by Luis Garavito.

(AP Photo/Scott Dalton)

that he carried in his pocket. By the time of his arrest, investigative unit, told reporters, "We aren't looking the book contained 140 entries.

here at any criminal genius, rather at an individual who On October 30, 1999, prosecutor Alfonso Gómez

has absolutely no qualms about killing." Garavito had told assembled reporters that Garavito had confessed lured his young victims with offers of food and drink, his crimes in detail. Police had followed his directions then escorted them to isolated areas where they were to more graves, Gómez explained, raising the proven stripped, raped, killed, and mutilated. As in the case of body count to 114. While most of the slayings occurred Pakistan's JAVED IQBAL and Houston's DEAN ARNOLD

in the western state of Risaralda—with 41 victims CORLL, Garavito had preyed on "throwaway" children unearthed at Pereira and 27 more in neighboring Valle who lived on the streets and whose disappearance—if de Cauca—bodies had been found near more than 60

reported at all—was ignored by police. Garavito's self-towns, in 11 of Colombia's 32 provinces. While Colom-assessment was unsparing. "I was tortured and raped,"

bia had suffered 25,000 murders in 1999 alone, many he declared. "I was tied up and obliged to do things at still unsolved, Gómez called the child-murder manhunt 12 years of age. I became a monster. There was a supe-

"the most important investigation of this type ever car-rior being inside me."

ried out" in the country. Apparently forgetting PEDRO

December 1999 brought the announcement that

ALONZO LÓPEZ, Gómez further claimed that Garavito's Garavito's murder tally had been raised from 140 to rampage "has no precedent in Colombia."

182, allegedly including children murdered when he Psychologists examined Garavito in custody, tracing traveled through Ecuador at various times, but prosecu-his crimes to vicious CHILDHOOD TRAUMA. Their report tors in that nation filed no charges. On December 17 a described Garavito as "a solitary sadist" who was "sui-Colombian judge sentenced Garavito to 52 years in cidal, very depressed, regrets his actions, and is easily prison for killing one boy at Tunja in 1996 and raping angered." Pablo González, chief of Colombia's forensic another at Villavicencio in 1999. On January 31, 2000, ***90***

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he received a 36-year sentence in Pereira, and a judge in raped and strangled 78-year-old Mildred Borom the Huila Province gave him 55 years

for two more mur-same morning.

ders on February 25, 2000. By May 28, 2000, cumula-By early March, police knew they were searching for tive sentences in from 11 courts raised his sentence to a black man in the string of homicides, and since his vic-835 years, but the pileup had no legal effect, since tims had been white, a threat of mounting racial vio-Colombian inmates serve a maximum of 60 years, lence dogged investigators on the job. They were regardless of their crimes and sentences.

distracted later in the month by threatening communications from another killer—self-styled "Chairman of the Forces of Evil"—who threatened to murder selected ***GARY, Carlton***

black women if the strangler was not swiftly appre-A black native of Columbus, Georgia, born December hended. Three deaths would be traced to the Chairman 15, 1952, Gary was blessed with a near-genius IQ, but before his arrest on April 4, but prosecution of the that gift of nature was cruelly balanced by the rigors of Stocking Strangler's competition brought police no childhood and adolescence. Rejected by his father at an closer to their man. On April 20, the killer claimed his early age, Gary was malnourished as a child, and he final victim in Columbus, strangling 61-year-old Janet suffered at least one serious head trauma in elementary Cofer in her home, leaving the usual stocking knotted school, knocked cold in an accident that left him around her neck.

unconscious on the playground. A heavy drug abuser in A week later, on April 27, Greenville, South Car-his teens, he began logging arrests in 1966, his rap sheet olina, experienced the first in a series of armed rob-listing charges of robbery, arson, and assault before he beries by the "Steakhouse Bandit," a gunman who reached his 18th birthday.

invaded restaurants near closing time. Eight months Gary surfaced in Albany, New York, during the

passed before Carlton Gary was arrested in nearby spring of 1970, in time for a series of rape-murders Gaffney following a similar holdup, and he confessed to targeting elderly women. In May, Marion Brewer was the entire series, drawing a sentence of 21 years in strangled with a pillow case in her Albany hotel prison for armed robbery. Transferred to a minimum-room, followed two months later by 85-year-old Nel-security prison at Columbia four years later, he escaped lie Farmer, slain in a nearby apartment. Gary was from custody on March 15, 1983.

arrested as a suspect in the latter case and he admitted Another 14 months would pass before Gary's ulti-being on the scene, but he fingered an accomplice—

mate arrest, on May 3, 1984, at a motel in Albany, John Lee Williams— as the killer. Williams was con-Georgia. Held as a fugitive from South Carolina and victed and sentenced to prison on the basis of Gary's linked to an October 1977 burglary in Columbus, Gary testimony, his verdict subsequently overturned after was charged with the Scheible, Thurmond, and

Gary recanted. Escaping prosecution for the murder, Woodruff murders on May 4. A jury convicted him on Gary was convicted of burglary, receiving stolen all counts in August 1986, deliberating for three hours property, and possession of drugs, drawing a term in before his penalty was fixed at death. He presently the Onondaga County Correction Institution at

awaits execution in Georgia's electric chair.

Janesville, New York. He escaped from custody on August 22, 1977, and headed home to launch a oneman reign of terror.

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On September 16, 60-year-old Ferne Jackson was Few observers would agree with Donald Gaskins's raped, beaten, and strangled to death at her home in the claim that he was "born special and fortunate" in South Wynnton district of Columbus, found with a nylon Carolina on March 31, 1933. The runt of a litter born stocking knotted tight around her neck. The same MO

to an unwed mother named Parrott, Gaskins was

was demonstrated nine days later and a few blocks dis-known throughout his early life as "Pee Wee" or tant in the slaying of 71-year-old Jean Dimenstein. Flo-

"Junior Parrott," hearing his true name for the first rence Scheible, age 89, was killed in identical fashion on time as a teenager, in court, when he was convicted of October 21, and 69-year-old Martha Thurmond died juvenile crimes and sentenced to a state reformatory. By the same way, two days later. On October 28, 74-year-that time, his mother had married one of Donald's old Kathleen Woodruff was raped, beaten, and manu-numerous "step-daddies," a brutal disciplinarian who ally strangled at home, her slayer forgetting the beat Donald and his half siblings "just for practice."

traditional stocking in his haste to escape. Ruth Schwob Pee Wee was "pissed off" at girls from his earliest mem-survived the "Stocking Strangler's" attack on February ory, unable to explain coherently the hatred he felt 12, 1978, triggering a bedside alarm, but the killer was toward females. Dropping out of school, he joined two determined, traveling a mere two blocks before he adolescent cohorts in a local crime wave that included ***91***

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numerous burglaries and at least one gang rape (of an Gaskins escaped in 1955 but was soon recaptured in accomplice's younger sister). The spree ended when a Tennessee, now facing federal charges for driving a former classmate surprised Gaskins during a burglary stolen car across state lines. His three-year sentence on and survived a hatchet blow to the head, identifying that charge was set to run concurrently with his Car-him for the police.

olina prison time, and Gaskins was paroled in August Sentenced to reform school until his 18th birthday, 1961, with 20 dollars and a bus ticket back to Flo-Gaskins was first gang-raped in the lockup, then "prorence. Charged with the statutory rape of a 12-year-old tected" by an older boy who used him sexually and girl in 1962, Gaskins escaped through a courthouse passed him around to friends. Upon release in 1951, he window prior to trial and joined a traveling carnival, found work on a tobacco plantation, soon deciding but he was soon recaptured and sentenced to eight there was better money to be made from stealing the years in prison. He was paroled in November 1968 on crop and torching barns to cover his thefts. Arrested for the condition that he not return to Florence for at least ARSON and attempted murder in 1952 (after striking a two years.

woman with a hammer), he won acquittal on the first By that time, Gaskins was seething with rage, a blind charge and bargained the second down to assault and hatred of society in general and females in particular battery. His lawyer promised Gaskins 18 months in jail, which, he later said, afflicted him with physical pains but the judge handed down a five-year sentence, plus

"like hot lead" in his stomach and groin. The only one more for contempt after Gaskins cursed him. In release came through violence, and Gaskins committed prison, Pee Wee was soon commandeered for sex by the first of many random, recreational murders in Sep-one of the cellblock "power men," until he cut the tember 1969, torturing and disemboweling a female rapist's throat. Murder charges bargained down to hitchhiker he picked up along the Carolina coast, manslaughter earned him another nine years, to be dumping her mutilated body in the ocean south of served concurrently with his previous sentence.

Georgetown, South Carolina.

Henceforth, Gaskins would mentally divide his slayings into "coastal kills" (committed for sadistic pleasure, victimizing strangers of both sexes)

and “serious murders” (involving victims who were personal

acquaintances). On death row, decades later, he estimated that he had committed 10 “coastal kills” by October 1970, with his first “serious murders” occurring one month later. The November victims were his own niece, 15-year-old Janice Kirby, and a girlfriend, 17-year-old Patricia Alsbrook, both of whom he raped and murdered at the Sumter mobile-home park where he lived. Gaskins buried them out in the country, revealing Alsbrook’s grave in a 1976 bargain with prosecutors to save himself from the electric chair.

(Two years later, in another death-row deal, Gaskins pretended to give up Kirby’s remains, but he feared discovery of other corpses buried nearby, actually directing searchers to the grave of a victim planted near Columbia in 1973.)

Once Gaskins got the hang of it, his homicides prolif-erated at a dizzy pace. One murder, the December 1970

torture-slaying of 13-year-old Peggy Cuttino, was blamed on convict William Pierce, serving life for a similar slaying in Georgia; Gaskins admitted the crime in 1977, but embarrassed prosecutors have thus far refused to exonerate Pierce in that case. His “coastal kills” continued on a monthly basis, more or less, while victims of his “serious murders” included criminal accomplices, personal enemies, and neighborhood Donald Gaskins directs officers to where his victims are acquaintances who aroused Gaskins sexually. One of buried. (Wide World API)

the worst such cases, in 1973, involved the rape-slayings ***92***

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of 23-year-old Doreen Dempsey (eight months pregnant Before he died, Gaskins completed work on a grip-at the time) and her 20-month-old daughter Robin.

ping (if ungrammatical) autobiography, including an (Gaskins later described raping the infant as the best estimate of his final body count. Ignoring his first and sexual experience of his life.) Through it all, Gaskins last murders committed in prison, Gaskins tabulated 31

took comfort in the fact that he was “one of the few

“serious murders” (including 14 victims found by that truly understands what death and pain are all police and 17 still buried in three South Carolina coun-about. I have a special kind of mind that allows me to

ties) and 80 or 90 "coastal kills," for a total in the give myself permission to kill."

neighborhood of 110 victims. Since Gaskins never Gaskins would later describe 1975 as his "killingest"

learned the names of his "coastal" victims, remaining year, climaxed with his arrest for trafficking in stolen deliberately vague on the dates of their murders and cars. An accomplice in several of his "serious murders,"

locations where their bodies were dumped, the final Walter Neely, "got religion" that December and turned tally is impossible to verify. By the same token, how-state's evidence, leading detectives to eight buried vic-ever, there is no clear reason to dispute his claim, and tims. Indicted on eight murder charges, Gaskins faced even if the "coastal" body count was overestimated by trial in May 1976 on only one count, for the 1975 slay-100 percent, Gaskins still qualifies as one of America's ing of Neely's ex-brother-in-law, Dennis Bellamy. Con-most prolific serial killers of modern times.

victed on May 24 and sentenced to die, Gaskins was irate when Neely received a life sentence for the same murder one week later by claiming he had been "con-GECHT, Robin

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trolled" by Pee Wee against his will.

With seven more indictments hanging over him,

Gaskins began negotiating for his life, pointing police ***GEIN, Edward Theodore***

toward more graves in return for leniency. He need not Ed Gein may be America's most famous murderer, have bothered, since the U.S. Supreme Court invali-although his name is seldom heard and barely recog-dated South Carolina's death penalty statute in Novem-nized today. Four decades have passed since he first ber 1976, his sentence automatically commuted to life made headlines, but Gein is still with us in spirit. His imprisonment.

A month later, detectives were after Gaskins once crimes inspired the movie Psycho and its sequels, spin-again, this time for the murder of Silas Yates, a 45-yearning off in later years to terrify another generation as old Carolinian who allegedly offered Gaskins a murder The Texas Chainsaw Massacre. While other slayers contract in 1975. Pee Wee killed Yates instead, and have surpassed Gein's body count, America has never Gaskins

was tried on that charge (with three marginal seen his equal in the field of mental aberration.

accomplices) in April 1977, receiving his second life Gein was born August 8, 1906, at La Crosse, Wis-sentence.

consin, but his family soon moved to a farm outside South Carolina's death penalty was reinstated by Plainfield. His father held jobs as a tanner and carpen-1978, and Gaskins struck another bargain with prose-ter when he wasn't working the farm, and Gein's cutors, agreeing to turn up more bodies and submit to a mother emerged as the dominant parent, settling most three-day grilling under sodium pentothal, in return for family decisions on her own. Devoutly religious, she a signed-and-sealed promise of exemption from the warned her two sons against premarital sex, but Gein chair. That spring found him sentenced to a total of recalled that she was "not as strong" in her opposition nine life terms; no charges were filed in the cases of five to masturbation. Ed's father died in 1940, and his other murders he confessed, since the existing sentences brother Henry was lost four years later while fighting a removed all hope of parole.

marsh fire. His mother suffered a stroke that same year, That might have been the end for Pee Wee Gaskins, and a second one killed her in 1945 following an argu-but he couldn't keep his nose clean, even in prison. In ment with one of her neighbors. Alone at last, Gein 1982 he accepted a contract to kill death-row inmate nailed her bedroom shut and set about "redecorating"

Randolph Tyner, wiring an explosive charge to Tyner's in his own inimitable style.

radio and detonating it with fatal results on September From childhood, Gein had been ambiguous about

12. A relative of Tyner's original victim, who arranged his masculinity, considering amputation of his penis on the contract, was sentenced to 25 years in prison, but a several occasions. With pioneer transsexual Christine sympathetic judge made him eligible for parole after 30

Jorgenson much in the headlines at the time, Gein con-months. Gaskins, for his part, was sentenced to die, his sidered transsexual surgery, but the process was costly final appeal rejected in June 1991. He was electrocuted and frightening. There must be other ways, he thought, three months later, on September 6.

of "turning female" on a part-time basis.

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later, the shell casing would be matched to a pistol found in Gein's home.)

On November 16, 1957, 58-year-old Bernice Wor-

den disappeared from her Plainfield hardware store under strikingly similar circumstances. There was blood on the floor, a thin trail of it leading out back where the victim's truck had last been seen. Worden's son recalled that Gein had asked his mother for a date, and on the day before she disappeared Ed mentioned that he needed antifreeze. A sales receipt for antifreeze was found inside the store, and deputies went looking for their suspect. What they found would haunt them all for the remainder of their lives.

Inside a shed, behind Gein's house, the headless body of Bernice Worden hung from the rafters, gutted like a deer, the genitals carved out. A

tour of the cluttered house left searchers stunned. Worden's heart was found in a saucepan on the stove, while her head had been turned into a macabre ornament, with twine attached to nails inserted in both ears. Her other organs occupied a box, shoved off to molder in a corner. Deputies surveyed Edward Gein in custody (Wide World API)

Gein's decorations and his "costumes," counting skins from 10 skulls in one cardboard drum, taking hasty inventory of implements fashioned from human bones.

Between 1947 and 1954, Gein haunted three local In custody, Gein readily confessed the Hogan and cemeteries, opening an estimated 40 graves in his noc-Worden murders, along with a series of unreported turnal raids. He might remove whole corpses or settle grave robberies. Confirmation of the latter was for choice bits and pieces; a few bodies were later obtained by opening three graves: in one, the corpse returned to their resting place, but Ed recalled that there was mutilated as described by Gein; the second held no were "not too many." Allegedly aided in the early days corpse at all; a casket in the third showed pry-marks, by "Gus," a simple-minded neighbor, Gein continued but the body was intact, as Gein remembered.

excavations on his own when his assistant died. At On January 16, 1958, a judge found Gein incompe-home, he used the ghoulish relics as domestic decoratent for trial and packed him off to Central State Hospi-tions. Skulls were mounted on the bedposts, severed tal at Waupun, Wisconsin. A decade later, Ed was skullcaps serving Gein as bowls. He fashioned mobiles ordered up to trial, with the proceedings held in mid-out of noses, lips, and labia and sported a belt of nipples November 1968. Judge Robert Gollmar found Gein around the house. Human skin was variously utilized innocent by reason of insanity and sent him back to for lamp shades, the construction of waste-baskets, and Waupun, where he died of respiratory failure on July the upholstery of chairs.

26, 1984.

The choicer bits were specially preserved for Gein to Gein willingly confessed two murders and was tried wear at home. For ceremonial occasions, such as danc-for one, but were there others? And if so, how many?

ing underneath the moon, he wore a woman's scalp and Brother Henry was suggested as a likely victim, by face, a skinned-out "vest" complete

with breasts, and Judge Gollmar, inasmuch as there was no autopsy or female genitalia strapped above his own. By "putting investigation of his death. However that may be, there on" another sex and personality, Gein seemed to find a is a stronger case for murder in the disappearance of a measure of contentment, but his resurrection raids man named Travis and his unnamed male companion, eventually failed to satisfy a deeper need.

last seen at the time they hired Ed Gein to be their hunt-On December 8, 1954, 51-year-old Mary Hogan dising guide. One victim's jacket was recovered from the appeared from the tavern she managed in Pine Grove, woods near Plainfield, and while Gein professed to Wisconsin. Authorities found a pool of blood on the know the whereabouts of Travis's body—blaming his floor, an overturned chair, and one spent cartridge from death on "a neighbor"—police never followed up on a .32-caliber pistol. Foul play was the obvious answer, the case.

and while deputies recall Ed Gein as a suspect in the The search of Gein's home also turned up additional case, no charges were filed at the time. (Three years organs, removed from two young women, that could ***94***

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not be matched to existing cemetery records. Judge world's total population, has produced 76 percent of all Gollmar suggests that one likely victim was Evelyn known serial killers in the 20th century (closer to 85

Hartley, abducted from La Crosse on a night when percent since 1980). Granted, Americans got a late start Gein was visiting relatives two blocks from her home.

in the business of serial murder—the first known preda-A pool of blood was found in the family garage after tor from ancient Rome had been dead for more than she vanished, with the trail disappearing at curbside.

1,800 years when Columbus found the West Indies; Mary Weckler was reported missing a short time later ERZSEBET BÁTHORY died in custody three years after the from Jefferson, Wisconsin; a white Ford was seen in Jamestown Colony was established in Virginia—but the area. When searchers scoured Gein's property they whatever they lacked in timing, the New World settlers found a white Ford sedan on the premises, though no made up in zeal.

one in Plainfield could ever recall Ed driving such a car.

Serial murder is clearly a national problem in Amer-No other evidence exists to identify Gein's victims, but ica—none of the 50 states is wholly

unaffected—but if he did not dispose of Hartley and Weckler, he at least once again, some districts are more dangerous than oth-killed two other young women, their names still ers. Georgraphy is another area, as in choice of unknown.

WEAPONS, where serial killers deviate from the Ameri-Gein's burial in Plainfield posed an ongoing problem can norm. In an average year, 43 percent of all reported for local authorities. Vandals repeatedly invaded the murders are committed in the southern states, while the local cemetery, chipping fragments from his headstone West, Midwest and Northeast average 20 percent, 19

and defacing it with profane or satanic graffiti. Finally, percent, and 18 percent, respectively. Serial killers are on June 20, 2000, an unknown thief stole what remained less parochial: 25 percent strike in the South, with the of Gein's marker. The stone surfaced in Seattle, Washing-West running a close second at 24 percent; the Midwest ton, on June 21, 2001, but no one seemed to know what and Northeast lag behind with respective figures of 17

should be done with it. In Plainfield, Sheriff Patrick Fox and 16 percent. The five most dangerous states in terms told reporters, "We could bring it back and put it in the of serial murder cases reported are California (with 10

cemetery, but it would only get stolen again." A proposal percent of the world total during the 20th century), to deposit Gein's headstone with the Waushara County Florida, New York, Texas, and Illinois.

Historical Society was flatly rejected. "I brought it up to Crime writer Ann Rule, in U.S. Senate testimony dat-the group," said board member Ardis Spuhler. "They ing from July 1982, suggested that these states (and the said, 'No.' They didn't want any part of it. If people are Pacific Northwest) may record a disproportionate num-determined to get ahold of this thing, we didn't want ber of cases because serial killers "run to the borders"

them breaking into the museum to get it."

in an unconscious physical expression of their mental extremity. The theory sounds intriguing, but there seems to be no evidence of any sort behind it. In fact, if ***GEOGRAPHY:*** *Distribution of serial killers the notion was accurate, states like Montana, North No continent except the frozen wasteland of Antarctica Dakota, and Maine should be overrun with serial has been entirely spared from serial murders, but some killers, instead of*

ranking near the bottom in reported regions are clearly safer than others. North America has cases.

produced some 80 percent of all known 20th-century In fact, the answer seems to lie in simple logic. The serial killers, with the vast majority of those active in favored hunting grounds of domestic serial killers the United States. Europe runs a distant second with include five of America's seven most populous states and about 16 percent of the world's total crop: the Euro-seven of the nation's 10 most crowded cities. Aside from pean leaders are Great Britain (with 28 percent of the population density, cities such as New York, Los Ange-continent's total), Germany (with 27 percent), and les, Chicago, San Francisco, and Miami share reputa-France (trailing with 13 percent). Third World nations tions as the most "liberal" in America, where sex, drugs, presently spawn 4 percent of the world's known serial and alcohol are concerned; all feature thriving subcom-killers, but a recent upsurge in reports from South munities of prostitutes and homosexuals who frequently Africa and Latin America threaten to alter those statis-fall prey to random killers. In America's mobile society, tics in the new millennium. (The Third World lag, those cities draw the vast majority of homeless tran- despite huge population blocs, has variously been sients, runaways, and would-be "stars"; they also rank explained in terms of cultural disparity, poor communi-consistently among the worst in terms of violent crime.

cation, and news censorship imposed by various totali-Warm year-round climates and flourishing agriculture tarian regimes.)

bring thousands (if not millions) of migrant workers and One thing is clear from any global survey of serial illegal aliens to California, Florida, and Texas every murder: the United States, with 5 percent or less of the year, providing human predators with yet another ready ***95***

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source of prey. It is impossible to say if these states breed know." Criminologist Aleksandr Bukhanovsky offered sadistic murderers in greater numbers or attract them as a more plausible explanation. "The problem of serial a magnet draws iron filings, from afar, but either way, murder exists everywhere in Russia," he says. "It's just the evident preponderance of serial killers in the top five that here we have more practice at catching serial states should come as no surprise.

killers, and therefore the statistics are higher."

A hunter goes where there is ready game.

South Africa faced similar problems in the new cen-Outside of the United States, the past 10 years have tury. Since 1990, police have acknowledged 52 serial witnessed surprising outbreaks of serial murder in the killers active nationwide, with 16 still at large in former Soviet Bloc and South Africa; it has even been November 2003. (By contrast, the years 1936 through suggested that South Africa, with a total population 1990 produced only eight verified cases.) Psychologist less than one-sixth the size of America's, may soon MICKI PISTORIUS stays busy PROFILING the killers at record a higher per capita murder rate than the United large, while detective Gerard Labuschagne pursues States. Explanations for the latest outbreaks vary: both them with the special 22-member Investigative Psychol-regions have, in fact, recorded cases of serial murder ogy Unit. Labuschagne's unit has pioneered in training throughout the 20th century, but changing circum-officers specifically to hunt serial offenders, with the stances have apparently increased the incidence (or at result that detectives from Scotland Yard and other least the reporting) of serial murder. Prior to the advent agencies are often sent to hone their skills in South of glasnost in 1987 (and the Soviet Union's official col-Africa. That focus may also explain why South Africa lapse four years later), Communist censors and police boasts the world's highest per capita arrest rate for mul-worked in tandem to suppress reports of "decadent tiple murderers. Statistically, most South Africa preda-Western-type crime" in what was supposed to be a tors are captured within six weeks, while the global socialist Utopia. (The same pattern continues today in average is two years.

China, where at least three serial killers since 1995

China, by contrast, says little about its modern rash have been falsely described in official reports as of serial killings, except when offenders are captured

"China's first.")

and hastily sentenced to die. Each new outbreak trig-South Africa's recent problem with serial murder is gers waves of public shock and anger, occasioned at rather different from Russia's. While the nation's least in part by official news censorship during the whites-only government was every bit as brutal as the course of ongoing investigations. By the time a killer is Soviet regime (to nonwhites, at least), state censorship captured, his score may be well into double digits, and in South Africa was seldom—if ever—employed to sup-some killers predictably elude arrest. In November press

reports of sensational civilian crimes. With the 2003, while celebrating the arrest of a man who killed final collapse of apartheid in 1993, some analysts sug-17 boys lured away from video arcades in Henan, Chi-gest, black rage suppressed for generations has at last nese police reluctantly acknowledged that they had no found avenues of physical expression. And, while the leads in other cases, including one with 12 female vic-majority of serial killers in South Africa, as elsewhere, tims and another involving 65 persons slain across four prey on members of their own race, several dozen white provinces. As for those convicted and executed, farmers have been murdered by roving black slayers in Amnesty International complains that Chinese courts the latter 1990s.

and firing squads are sometimes prone to act without The United States held its statistical lead in serial sufficient evidence, preferring the appearance of success murders at the start of the 21st century, but authorities to actual solution of a crime.

in other nations acknowledged a rapid worldwide The 21st century also brought startling reports of a increase in this typically "Western" crime. Russia set murder epidemic in Guatemala, where more than 700

new records at the turn of the millennium, with much female victims were slain during 2001–03. The year of its serial crime concentrated in the southern river city 2003 alone witnessed 383 murders of women; police of Rostov-on-Don, where ANDREI ROMANOVICH

solved only 11 cases. Many of the victims were brutally CHIKATILO once stalked victims in local railway sta-tortured, mutilated, beheaded, and/or burned, their tions. Police report that 29 serial killers and rapists bodies discarded in trash bins and along highways. At were caught in Rostov during the 1990s, with several least two serial killers were involved in the carnage: others still at large. Some residents vainly sought reli-One smothered prostitutes in Guatemala City and gious explanations for the plague of predators. In Janu-inked messages on their bodies, describing his "pact ary 1999, a spokesman for the local Orthodox

with Lucifer"; another committed five double murders cathedral told Newsweek magazine, "The people here of young girls within the last six months of 2003, leav-are no less God-fearing than anywhere else. Why Satan ing two ravaged corpses together in each case. As in chooses so many of his servants here is not for us to CIUDAD JUÁREZ, MEXICO, human right activists con-96

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tend—and officials flatly deny—that police are respon-bars. In many cases, sailors just returned from months sible for some of the slayings.

at sea had large amounts of cash in hand. An honest See also HISTORY OF SERIAL MURDER

union delegate would hold the money in a safe until it was reclaimed. In Aberdeen, the spoils belonged to Billy Gohl.

GOHL, Billy

His method was simplicity itself. When sailors Nothing of substance is known about Billy Gohl's first turned up individually, Gohl checked the street for 40 years, and the stories he told in response to occa-witnesses. If it was clear, and if something of substan-sional questions were riddled with holes, contradic-tial value was entrusted to his care, he drew a pistol tions, and some outright lies. By his own reckoning, from his desk and shot his victim in the head. That Gohl was born around 1860, spending most of the next done, he paused to clean the weapon, then stripped four decades as a laborer and sailor. In 1903 he sur-his prey of any extra cash and all identifying docu-faced in Aberdeen, Washington, as a delegate for the ments. Gohl's building had a trapdoor, with a chute Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

extending to the Wishkah River just outside, with cur-The union office, in those days, functioned as a comrents flowing toward Gray's Harbor and the sea bination mail drop, bank, and general employment beyond.

office for its members. Sailors new in port might check Within a few years after Gohl's arrival, Aberdeen for letters, scan the list of vessels needing crewmen, or acquired a reputation as a "port of missing men." No deposit valuables before they made the rounds at local records exist for his first six years of operation, but authorities pulled 41 "floaters" out of the water between 1909 and 1912, suggesting a prodigious body count. Most of the dead were presumed to be merchant seamen, and Billy Gohl was among the most vocal critics of Aberdeen law enforcement, demanding apprehension of the killers and more protection for his men.

Gohl's downfall was precipitated by a timepiece and his own attempt at cleverness. While rifling the pockets of his latest victim, Billy came upon a watch bearing the engraved name of August Schleuter from Hamburg, Germany. Alert to the potential for incrimination, he replaced the watch and dumped the corpse as usual. When the "floater" came ashore, Gohl was on hand to identify Schleuter as one of his sailors, renewing demands for thorough investigation of the murders.

This time, Billy got his wish. It took some time, but homicide investigators learned the victim was, in fact, a Danish sailor named Fred

Nielssen. He had bought the watch in Hamburg from a craftsman who identified each piece he made with an engraving of his name.

Gohl's effort to identify the corpse as August Schleuter smacked of guilty knowledge, and detectives finally built a case that brought him into court in 1913 on a double murder charge.

Gohl was rescued from the gallows by Washington's repeal of the death penalty in 1912. Convicted and sentenced to life for two slayings, he rebuffed all efforts to compile a comprehensive list of victims. Even so, publicity surrounding Billy's case was adequate to prompt restoration of CAPITAL PUNISHMENT in 1914. Safe in his prison cell, with no evidence to support further trials Billy Gohl (with saw), the "Ghoul of Gray's Harbor" (Author's and possible execution, Gohl counted the years until his collection)

death of natural causes in 1928.

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GOODE, Arthur Frederick, III

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While awaiting execution, Goode harassed the parA native of Hyattsville, Maryland, Arthur Goode was a ents of his victims with cruel, taunting letters. He, in victim of borderline retardation who still wore his hair turn, was frequently abused by other inmates, reviled as in Little Lord Fauntleroy bangs at age 22. In his teens,

"the most hated man on death row." Some convicts Goode began making sexual advances to younger boys, threw things at him when he passed their cells; quickly becoming notorious in his own neighborhood.

THEODORE BUNDY, more cunning than the rest, con-Arrested three times for indecent assaults upon minors, trived to steal cookies from Goode's dinner tray. The he was freed each time when his parents posted bail.

sport ended for all concerned when Goode was executed In March 1975, Goode was arrested on five counts on April 5, 1984. The state denied his last request to be of sexual assault, stemming from his abuse of a nine-allowed sexual intercourse with "a sexy little boy."

year-old boy. His parents raised $25,000 to release him from jail, but Arthur wasn't finished yet. While out on bail, he molested an 11-year-old, escaping with five ***GORE, David Alan, and WATERFIELD, Fred***

years' probation on the condition that he undergo vol-A Florida native born in 1951, David Gore resembled untary psychiatric treatment at Spring Grove State Hos-the stereotypical Southern "redneck," tipping the scales pital. The key word was voluntary, and no one could at 275 pounds and was so enamored of firearms that he stop him when Goode checked out of the hospital 15

studied gunsmithing in his free time. He studied weeks later, catching a bus for his parents' new home in women, too, but in a different fashion, losing one job as St. James City, Florida. Despite warnings and the a gas station attendant after the owner found a peep-issuance of a bench warrant for his arrest, no one both-hole Gore had drilled between the men's and women's ered to go after Goode and bring him back.

restrooms. A year younger, cousin Fred Waterfield was On March 5, 1976, Goode lured nine-year-old Jason another product of Florida's Indian River County, a VerDow away from a school bus stop in Fort Myers, high-school football star whose ugly temper and taste asking the child to help him "find something" in the for violent sex perfectly meshed with Gore's. In 1976, woods nearby. "I told him he was going to die," Goode they put their heads together and decided to combine later confessed, "and I described how I would kill him. I their favorite sports by stalking human game.

asked him if he had any last words, and he said, 'I love Their early efforts were embarrassing. Trailing a you,' and then I strangled him."

female motorist outside Yeehaw Junction, Waterfield Police soon recovered the body, nude but for stock-flattened her tires with rifle fire, but the intended victim ings, and Goode was twice questioned as a suspect in escaped on foot. Later, they followed another woman the case. Growing nervous, he bused back to Spring from Vero Beach to Miami, giving up the pursuit when Grove and dropped in at the state hospital, spending she parked on a busy street. Their first successful rape five minutes there before fleeing, convinced that a recep-took place near Vero Beach, and while the victim noti-tionist was calling the police. (In fact, the staff profied police, she later dropped the charges to avoid fessed to have no knowledge of the outstanding arrest embarrassment in court.

warrants.)

By early 1981, Gore was working days with his

Later that day, Goode picked up 10-year-old Billy father as caretaker of a citrus grove and patrolling the Arthe, persuading the boy to join him in

Washington, streets after dark as an auxiliary sheriff's deputy. Water-D.C., where they spent the next 10 days touring the field had moved north to Orlando, managing an auto-capital and sleeping in motels. Arthe was still with motive shop, but he made frequent visits home to Vero Goode, unharmed, when they met Kenny Dawson, age Beach. Together, they recognized the potential of Gore's 11, and Goode talked the boy into joining them for a situation—packing a badge by night, killing time in the bus ride to Tysons Corner, Virginia. There, while hiking orchards by day—and Fred offered to pay cousin Dave in the woods near town, Goode forced Dawson to $1,000 for each pretty girl he could find. It was a undress, afterward strangling him with a belt while proposition Gore could not refuse.

Billy Arthe looked on, horrified.

On February 19, 1981, Gore spotted 17-year-old Days later, a Falls Church housewife recognized Billy Ying Hua Ling disembarking from a school bus and Arthe from newspaper photographs and summoned

tricked her into his car with a flash of his badge. Driving police. As he was handcuffed, Goode complained, "You her home, Gore "arrested" her mother and handcuffed can't do nothing to me. I'm sick." A Maryland jury dis-his captives together, phoning Waterfield in Orlando agreed, finding him sane and guilty of murder, whereupon before he drove out to the orchard. Killing time while the court imposed a life sentence. Packed off to Florida waiting for his cousin, Gore raped both victims, but for a second trial, Goode was there convicted of first-Waterfield was more selective. Rejecting Mrs. Ling as degree murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair.

too old, Fred tied the woman up in such a fashion that ***98***

GRAHAM, Gwendolyn Gail, and WOOD, Catherine May she choked to death while struggling against her bonds.

suit, but she had not been fast enough. Gore's compan-He then raped and murdered the teenager, slipping Gore ion had left in the meantime, and detectives turned to $400 and leaving him to dispose of the corpses alone in their suspect in quest of his identity.

an orchard a mile from the Ling residence.

Gore swiftly cracked in custody, enumerating crimes Five months later, on July 15, Gore made a tour of committed with his cousin. On March 16, 1984, he was Round Island Park, seeking a blond to fill his cousin's sentenced to die for the murder of Lynn Elliott, Fred latest order. Spotting a

likely candidate in 35-year-old Waterfield was convicted in the Byer-Lavallee murders Judith Daley, Gore disabled her car, then played good on January 21, 1985, receiving two consecutive life Samaritan, offering a lift to the nearest telephone. Once terms with a specified minimum stint of 50 years before inside his pickup, Gore produced a pistol, cuffed his parole. Two weeks later, on February 4, cousin Dave victim, and called cousin Fred on his way to the received an identical sentence upon his conviction of the orchard. Waterfield was happier with this delivery, writ-Ling, Daley, Byer, and Lavallee homicides.

ing out a check for $1,500 after both men finished with their victim. Two years later, Gore would spell out Judith Daley's fate, describing how he "fed her to the ***GRAHAM, Gwendolyn Gail, and WOOD,***

alligators" in a swamp 10 miles west of Interstate High-Catherine May way 95.

The deaths at Alpine Manor started as a game. At first, A week later, Gore fell under suspicion when a local the killers planned to choose their victims alphabeti-man reported that a deputy had stopped his teenage cally, with their initials spelling MURDER as a private daughter on a rural highway, attempting to hold her joke on the police. As luck would have it, though, the

"for questioning." Stripped of his badge, Gore was aging women first selected still had too much fight left arrested days later when officers found him crouched in in them, and the plotters had to shift their strategy.

the back seat of a woman's car outside a Vero Beach No matter. In the end, they still found easy prey to clinic, armed with a pistol, handcuffs, and a police satisfy their taste for death.

radio scanner. A jury deliberated for 30 minutes before Born in 1963, Gwen Graham was a California native convicting him of armed trespass, and he was sentenced who grew up in Tyler, Texas. She was "quiet and to five years in prison. Rejecting psychiatric treatment respectful" to her teachers, but she "always had a sad recommended by the court, he was paroled in March of look on her face." In later years she claimed the sadness 1983.

was occasioned by her father's sexual advances, but the A short time after Gore's release, his cousin moved charge—which he denies—was never proved in court.

back home to Vero Beach and they resumed the hunt.

Moving to Michigan in 1986, Graham found work as a On May 20, they tried to abduct an Orlando prostitute nurse's aide at the Alpine Manor Nursing Home in at gunpoint, but she slipped away and left them empty-Walker, a Grand Rapids suburb.

handed. The next day, they picked up two 14-year-old Graham's immediate superior at Alpine Manor was hitchhikers—Angelica Lavallee and Barbara Byer—rap-24-year-old Cathy Wood. Wed as a teenager, Wood had ing both before Gore shot the girls to death. Byer's body ballooned to 450 pounds when her seven-year marriage was dismembered and buried in a shallow grave, while broke up, leaving her alone and friendless in Grand Lavallee's was dumped in a nearby canal.

Rapids. Hired at Alpine Manor in July 1985, she was On July 26, 1983, Vero Beach authorities received an soon promoted to supervisor of nurse's aides, but her emergency report of a nude man firing shots at a naked social life remained a vacuum until she met Gwen Gra-girl on a residential street. Converging on the suspect ham on the job. Their friendship swiftly crossed the line house, owned by relatives of Gore, offenders found a into a lesbian affair, Wood dieting the pounds away and car in the driveway with fresh blood dripping from its relishing the social whirl of gay bars, parties, and casual trunk. Inside, the body of 17-year-old Lynn Elliott lay sex. Her chief devotion was to Graham, though, and by curled in death, a bullet in her skull. Outgunned by the late 1986 the two women had pledged undying love to raiding party, Gore meekly surrendered, directing offi-one another, come what may.

cers to the attic where a naked 14-year-old girl was Gwen broached the subject of premeditated murder tethered to the rafters.

that October, but her lover "thought we were just play-As the surviving victim told police, she had been ing." During sex, Gwen got a kick from tying Cathy thumbing rides with Lynn Elliott when Gore and down and choking her until she trembled on the verge another man picked them up, flashing a pistol and dri-of blacking out. If Cathy had complaints about the ving them to the house, where they were stripped and game, she kept them to herself. By slow degrees, she raped repeatedly in separate rooms. Elliott had man-learned that pain and pleasure may be flip sides of the aged to free herself, escaping on foot with Gore in pur-same exciting coin.

GRAHAM, Gwendolyn Gail, and WOOD, Catherine May

"sick jokes." At least three nurse's aides saw the shelf of souvenirs in the house Wood shared with Graham, but none took the gloating tales of murder seriously . . . yet.

By April 1987, the honeymoon was over for Wood and Graham. Cathy balked at personally killing anyone to "prove her love," and she was shortly rescued by her transfer to a different shift. By that time, Gwen was spending time with Heather Barager, another lesbian who ultimately joined her on a trip back home to Texas, leaving Cathy in the lurch. Come August,

Cathy spilled the story to her former husband, but Ken Wood stalled another 14 months before he called police.

Gwen Graham, meanwhile, had gone to work at

Gwendolyn Graham (Author's collection)

Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, keeping in touch with Cathy on the telephone.

Grand Rapids police were skeptical of Ken Wood's story at first. Some 40 patients had died at Alpine Manor in the first quarter of 1987, all listed as natural deaths, but on reflection eight cases seemed to stand out. Three of those were finally eliminated by detectives, leaving a victim list that included 60-year-old Marguerite Chambers, 89-year-old Edith Cole, 95-year-old Myrtle Luce, 79-year-old Mae Mason, and 74-year-old Belle Burkhard. In no case was there any scientific evidence of murder, but Ken Wood's statement and the second thoughts of staffers at the home were strong enough to make a case.

Both women were arrested in December 1988, Wood held without bond in Grand Rapids on charges of Catherine Wood\\ (Author's collection)

killing victims Cook and Chambers. In Texas, where rumors of the Michigan investigation had already cost Gwen her job, a $1 million bond was sufficient to keep The homicides at Alpine Manor spanned a three-her in jail. A brief extradition fight grew tedious and month period, from January to the early part of April Graham soon waived the legalities, returning to face 1987. Gwen's first plan, the MURDER game, fell through charges on her own volition.

when her selected targets put up such a fight that she The Alpine Manor staff was "overwhelmed" by the was forced to let them live. Despite her bungled efforts, arrests, though some remembered Gwen as "unpre-there were no complaints on file. Both Wood and Gra-dictable," remarking casually on Graham's quick tem-ham earned exemplary reports from their superiors and per. Former nurse's aides Deborah Kidder, Nancy were "well liked by patients" on the ward.

Harris, Lisa Lynch, Dawn Male, and Russell Thatcher In the future, Gwen decided, she would only pick on reevaluated the "sick jokes" and souvenirs they had women who were too far gone for self-defense. Her lover managed to ignore while lives were on the line. At trial, was the lookout, standing by where she could watch the all five would testify against Gwen Graham for the murder and the nurse's station all at once, diverting

any prosecution, with Cathy Wood emerging as the state's member of the staff who strayed too close while Graham star witness overnight.

snuffed her chosen victim with a washcloth pressed A September 1989 guilty plea to charges of second-across the nose and mouth. Sometimes the sheer excite-degree murder spared Wood from life imprisonment, ment of a killing was too much, and they retired immedi-earning her a sentence of 20 to 40 years. In return for ately to an empty room for sex while memories were that relative leniency, she took the stand against Gra-fresh. In several cases Gwen kept SOUVENIRS—an anklet ham three months later, thereby sealing her ex-lover's or a handkerchief, a brooch, a set of dentures.

fate. Aside from the five victims murdered, said Cathy, Murder is a risky business, but the lethal lovers Gwen had tried to suffocate at least five others who sur-seemed to thrive on danger, boasting of their body vived. Wood's ultimate confession to her husband had count to colleagues who dismissed the comments as been prompted less by guilt than fear that Graham ***100***

GREENWOOD, Vaughn Orrin

would continue killing in her new position at the Texas been dead several days when hotel maid discovered his hospital, this time with infants as her chosen prey.

body—a bayonet protruding from his chest—on Janu-

"When she was killing people at Alpine and I didn't ary 17, 1975. The final Skid Row victim, 49-year-old do anything," Wood told the court, "that was bad Samuel Suarez, was also killed indoors, his body found enough. But when she would call me and say how much in a sleazy fifth-floor hotel room.

she wanted to smash a baby, I had to stop her some-Inexplicably, the killer switched his hunting ground how. I knew she was working in a hospital there. She to Hollywood on January 29, stabbing 45-year-old said she wanted to take one of the babies and smash it George Frias to death in his own apartment. Two days up against a window. I had to do something. I didn't later a cash register mechanic, 43-year-old Clyde Hay, care about myself anymore."

was found in his Hollywood home, his body marked by Graham's attorney tried to portray Wood as a jealous, the Slasher's characteristic mutilations.

vindictive liar, setting his client up as "a sacrificial lamb,"

By that time, L.A. detectives had formed a mental but jurors disagreed. They deliberated for seven hours picture of their suspect, described as a white male in his before convicting Gwen on five counts of first-degree late twenties or early thirties, six feet tall and 190

murder and one count of conspiracy to commit first-pounds, with shoulder-length stringy blond hair. A psy-degree murder. On November 2, 1989, Graham was sen-chiatric profile published on the morning of Clyde tenced to six life terms without possibility of parole.

Hay's murder described the killer as a "sexually impotent coward, venting his own feeling of worthlessness on hapless derelicts and down-and-outers. . . . He ***GREENWOOD, Vaughn Orrin***

strongly identifies with the derelicts and drifters he kills, The first of southern California's "Skid Row" slayers and we think he's trying to resolve his own inner con-launched his one-man war in 1964, taking a decade off flicts by turning his wrath and hatred outward." The before he returned to terrorize Los Angeles with nine Slasher was further described as a friendless, poorly more murders committed over the space of two

educated loner, probably homosexual, with an unspeci-months. Victims were ritually posed by the slasher in fied physical deformity.

death, with salt sprinkled around their bodies and cups On February 2 a prowler invaded the Hollywood

of blood standing nearby, their wounds surrounded by home of William Graham, assaulting him with a

markings of unknown significance. Police recruited hatchet before houseguest Kenneth Richter intervened psychiatric "experts" to create a profile of the killer, and both men plunged through a plate-glass window.

publishing assorted sketches of their suspect, but the The attacker fled on foot, stopping next at the home of case was ultimately solved by accident, embarrassing actor Burt Reynolds and carelessly dropping a letter—

authorities whose profiles of the murderer were sadly addressed to himself—in the driveway. Police picked up off the mark.

Vaughn Greenwood, charging him with counts of bur-The "Skid Row Slasher's" first known victim was an glary and assault, their search of his residence netting a aging transient, David Russell, found on the library steps pair of cufflinks stolen from victim George Frias. A year with his throat cut and numerous stab wounds on later, on January 23, 1976,

Greenwood was indicted on November 13, 1964. The following day, 67-year-old Ben-11 counts of murder in the Slasher crimes.

jamin Hornberg was killed in the second-floor restroom Unfortunately for police, the "suspect profile" was a of his seedy hotel, throat slashed from ear to ear, numer-stumbling block to their solution of the case. For open-ous stab wounds marking his head and upper torso.

ers, Vaughn Greenwood was a 32-year-old black man, Police saw a pattern of sorts, but it seemed to lead lacking any obvious deformities, and from the testi-nowhere, and the early victims were forgotten by mony of acquaintances he was not impotent. He was a December 1974 when the killer returned with a

loner and a homosexual, who finished seventh grade vengeance. On December 1 he murdered 46-year-old before he fled his Pennsylvania foster home and Charles Jackson, an alcoholic drifter, on the very spot thumbed a ride to California. Most of his adult life was where David Russell had been slain a decade earlier.

spent drifting from Chicago to the West Coast and back Moses Yakanac, a 47-year-old Alaska Native, was again, riding the rails and earning his keep as a migrant knifed to death in a skid row alley on December 8, and farmworker. In Chicago, during 1966, he had

54-year-old Arthur Dahlstedy was slain outside an demanded cash from 70-year-old Mance Porter follow-abandoned building three days later. On December 22, ing a sexual encounter in the latter's skid row apart-42-year-old David Perez was found in some shrubbery ment. When Porter refused, Greenwood slashed his adjacent to the Los Angeles Public Library. Casimir throat and stabbed him repeatedly with two different Strawinski, 58, was found butchered in his hotel room knives, spending five and a half years in prison on con-on January 9, and 46-year-old Robert Shannahan had viction for aggravated battery.

GRETZLER, Douglas, and STEELMAN, William Luther While awaiting trial on murder charges, Greenwood Steelman had compiled a lengthy record of arrests was convicted of assaulting William Graham and Ken- around Lodi, California, serving prison time on con- neth Richter, drawing a prison term of 32 years to life.

viction of forgery. He recognized a kindred criminal On December 30, 1976, the defendant was convicted soul on sight, and soon the men became inseparable, on nine counts of first-degree murder, jurors failing to trolling the Southwest in their search for victims, steal- reach a verdict in the case of victims David Russell and ing to finance their travels and Steelman's heroin Charles Jackson. Greenwood was sentenced to life on addiction.

January 19, 1977, the judge recommending that he On October 28, 1973, they invaded a house trailer never be released because "His presence in any commu- near Mesa, Arizona, binding 19-year-old Robert Rob- nity would constitute a menace."

bins and 18-year-old Katherine Mestiter, then shooting both victims to death. Drifting into Tucson, they killed 19-year-old Gilbert Sierra and dumped his body in the ***GRETZLER, Douglas, and STEELMAN, William***

desert, doubling back to murder Michael and Patricia ***Luther***

Sandberg in their Tucson apartment. On the Supersti-A native of the Bronx, New York, born in 1951, Doug tion Desert, Gretzler and Steelman found victim num-Gretzler was drifting aimlessly around the country ber six, leaving his body in the sleeping bag where he when he met 28-year-old Willie Steelman on October was shot to death. In Phoenix the killers abducted 11, 1973. Once committed to a mental institution, Michael Adshade and Ken Unrein, both 22, dumping Douglas Gretzler in custody (Wide World API)

GRETZLER, Douglas, and STEELMAN, William Luther William Steelman is arrested (Wide World API)

their nude corpses in a creek bed near Oakdale, Califor-to find him. Jenkins started a search of her own, stop-nia, rolling north in their stolen van.

ping short when she found Walter and Joanne Parkin in Authorities in Arizona had already issued warrants the master bedroom, shot to death execution-style.

for Gretzler and Steelman by the time they reached Vic-Deputies responding to the call found seven more tor, California, 40 miles south of

Sacramento, on bodies jammed into the bedroom's walk-in closet. Vic-November 6. Walter and Joanne Parkin went bowling tims had been gagged with neckties, bound with nylon that night, leaving their two children—11-year-old Lisa cord—secured with as many as six knots in places—

and nine-year-old Robert—in the care of 18-year-old before they were massacred. In all, medical examiners neighbor Debra Earl. In the course of the evening, would remove 25 slugs from nine bodies, plus one stray Debra's parents dropped by to visit, along with brother from Bob Parkin's pillow.

Richard and Debra's fiancé, 20-year-old Mark Lang.

Police published mug shots of Steelman, and Willie When the Parkins got home, they found a full house—

was recognized when he checked into a Sacramento including two strangers with guns.

hotel on November 8. Officers descended on the scene Carol Jenkins, a houseguest of the Parkins, returned and both gunmen were swiftly arrested, booked on nine from a date around 3:00 A.M. and went directly to bed, counts of first-degree murder. Gretzler cracked under taking the silent house for granted at that hour of the interrogation, directing police to the scattered bodies of morning. Near dawn she was roused from sleep by two other victims while Steelman kept silent, refusing to friends of Mark Lang, who had spent the night trying enter a plea on the charges. In June 1974 Gretzler pled ***103***

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guilty to nine counts of murder, while Steelman submit-in L.A., some of the young women carrying notebooks ted his case to a judge and was promptly convicted. On and couching their interest in terms of "class projects,"

July 8, both defendants were sentenced to life imprison-while others frankly admitted their attraction for ment without parole, then returned to Arizona for trial Ramirez and his outspoken Satanism. One such told the on additional murder charges. A new round of trials press, "Do I love him? Yes, in my own childlike way. I saw both killers sentenced to die in Arizona's gas cham-feel such compassion for him. When I look at him, I see ber. Willie Steelman died in prison in 1987 with his case a real handsome guy who just messed up his life still on appeal. Gretzler was executed by

lethal injection because he never had anyone to guide him." Two other on June 3, 1998.

groupies, one of them a porno model, circulated nude photos of themselves around the county jail, one young woman threatening her rival —and, for reasons still ***GROUPIES:*** *Admirers of serial killers*

unclear, the president of the United States—in violent Despite the brooding atmosphere of violence and per-fits of jealousy. Finally married to one of his fans, a fel-versity that surrounds serial killers, they sometimes have low Satanist, Ramirez also enjoys regular visits from a an almost hypnotic effect on the opposite sex, attracting female juror who sentenced him to die, belatedly con-

"groupies" in a bizarre twist on the celebrity syndrome.

vinced that "Richard didn't get a fair trial."

Aging CHARLES MANSON is notorious for the lingering An even more curious case involves HENRY LUCAS

devotion of his female "family" members (and a new and Phyllis Wilcox. Smitten with the one-eyed psy-generation of fans that staunchly believes he was chopath after long-running correspondence and several

"framed"), but other random slayers do quite well on jailhouse visits, Wilcox—a married woman still residing their own, without the benefit of preconditioned disci-with her husband to this day—became convinced of ples. Arizona's Charles Schmid—"The Pied Piper of Tuc-Henry's innocence and hatched a plot to free him from son"—had his own teenage rooting section at the trial death row. Obtaining a false driver's license and other which sentenced him to death. THEODORE BUNDY

ID, Wilcox presented herself to the media as Frieda received numerous love letters from attractive young Powell, the one-time girlfriend Lucas earlier confessed women, many resembling his preferred victims with to murdering in 1983 when she was barely 15 years their long, brown hair parted in the middle; finally old. "Powell's" sudden reappearance after 13 years was choosing one to be his jailhouse bride, Bundy beat the guaranteed to make headlines, and police soon learned clock and fathered a child from death row, via artificial the truth from various acquaintances of Wilcox. Phyllis insemination, before he was executed in 1989. In managed to avoid jail time on charges of obstructing Nevada, CARROLL COLE received visits and heart-rend-justice, but her half-baked effort to liberate Lucas was ing poems of love from a woman half his age. JOHN

foiled. Indeed, even had her masquerade been success-GACY's alleged girlfriend, a twice-divorced mother of ful, Wilcox would have accomplished nothing: Lucas eight, wangled a series of TV talk-show appearances, stands convicted of 10 murders, and Powell's case was and both "Hillside Stranglers"—KENNETH BIANCHI and not the one that sent him to death row.

ANGELO BUONO—have married since receiving their life See also ARTWORK AND MEMORABILIA

prison terms.

One previous Bianchi paramour, Veronica Compton, drew prison time of her own for attempted murder, ***GUNNESS, Belle Paulsdatter***

while trying to free her lover by mimicking the stran-America's first "BLACK WIDOW" of the 20th century was gler's technique with a random target, complete with a born Brynhild Paulsdatter Storset, on November 11, sample of Bianchi's semen smuggled out of jail. In 1859, in the fishing hamlet of Selbu on Norway's west prison, long since soured on Bianchi and his fickle coast. The daughter of an unsuccessful merchant, Bryn-ways, Compton attached herself to "Sunset Slayer"

hild immigrated to the United States in 1881; three DOUGLAS CLARK. One letter from Compton to Clark, in years later, she settled in Chicago, Americanizing her a classic case of understatement, declared: "Our humor given name to "Belle" (or sometimes "Bella"). In 1884, is unusual. I wonder why others don't see the

at age 25, she married a Norwegian immigrant, Mads necrophilic aspects of existence as we do."

Sorenson.

Ironically, considering his physical appearance and The couple opened a confectioner's shop in 1896, the nature of his crimes, no modern psychopath has but the business was wiped out by fire the following drawn more ardent female groupies than "Night

year. Belle told her insurance agents that a kerosene Stalker" RICHARD RAMIREZ, the cadaverous devil wor-lamp had exploded, and the company paid off on her shiper sentenced to die for 13 murders in Los Angeles.

policy, although no lamp was found in the wreckage.

A regular fan club attended his 14-month murder trial The Sorensens used their found money to purchase a ***104***

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home, but fire leveled the house in 1898, bringing fur-natural daughters: Myrtle, born in 1897, and Lucy, ther insurance payments. Bad luck dogged the couple, born in 1899. The new addition, Jennie Olsen, was

a and a second house burned down before they found a foster daughter, passed along to Belle by parents who, home that met their needs, on Alma Street.

apparently, were tired of dealing with the child.

As everything Belle touched was soon reduced to In April 1902, Belle married a Norwegian farmer ashes, so her family began to dwindle in the latter named Peter Gunness. Less durable than Sorenson 1890s. Daughter Caroline, her oldest child, went first, in before him, Gunness lasted only eight months. On 1896. Two years later, Axel, her first son, was laid to December 16, 1902, he was killed when a heavy

rest. In each case, the children were diagnosed as victims sausage grinder "fell" from its place on a shelf, fractur-of "acute colitis," demonstrating symptoms which—in ing his skull. A son, named Philip, was born of the brief hindsight—may have indicated they were poisoned.

union in 1903, and Jennie Olsen vanished from the On July 30, 1900, Mads Sorenson died at home,

farm three years later. When neighbors inquired, Belle exhibiting the classic symptoms of strychnine poison-explained that her foster child had been sent "to a fining. Belle admitted giving her husband "a powder," in ishing school in California."

an effort to "help his cold," but the family physician Widowed for the second time, with only children to did not request an autopsy. With Mads under treatment assist her on the farm, Belle started hiring drifters who for an enlarged heart, his death was automatically would work for a while and then, apparently, move on.

ascribed to natural causes.

She also started placing "lonely hearts" ads in Norwe-The widow Sorenson collected her insurance money gian-language newspapers throughout the Midwest, and departed from Chicago, settling outside La Porte, entertaining a series of prospective husbands at her Indiana, with three children under her wing. Two were farm. Somehow, none of them measured up to her standards . . . and none of them were ever seen again.

On April 28, 1908, the Gunness homestead was leveled by fire. Searchers, digging through the rubble, found a quartet of incinerated bodies in the basement; three were clearly children, while the fourth—a woman's headless corpse, without the skull in evidence—was taken for the last remains of Mrs. Gunness.

The local sheriff arrested handyman Ray Lamphere, employed by Belle from 1906 until his dismissal in February 1908, on charges of arson and murder.

The case became more complicated on May 5, when searchers started finding other bodies on the Gunness ranch. Dismembered, wrapped in gunny sacks, and doused with lye, a few reduced to skeletons, the corpses told a graphic tale of wholesale slaughter spanning years. The final body count has been a subject of enduring controversy. Without citing its source, the Guinness Book of World Records credited Belle with 16 known victims and another 12 "possibles." The local coroner's report was more modest, listing—in addition to the basement bodies—10 male victims, two females, and an unspecified quantity of human bone fragments. Belle's suitors were buried together in the muck of a hog pen, while her female victims had been planted in a nearby garden patch.

Only six of the victims were positively identified. Jennie Olsen was there, far removed from the mythical finishing school. Farmhands Eric Gurhold and Olaf Lindblom had ended their days in the hog pen, beside farmers John Moo of Elbow Lake, Minnesota, and Ole Budsberg of lola, Wisconsin. Both of the latter had answered Belle's newspaper ads—and so, presumably, Belle Gunness (Author's collection)

had their six anonymous companions in death. The single ***105***

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"Jane Doe," buried beside Jennie Olsen, is an anomaly, Indiana, station. She was bundled on a stretcher, Hurst unexplained to this day.

recalled, and seemed quite ill.

A coroner's inquest was launched on April 29, and Perhaps, but what are we to make of the reported witness depositions taken through May 1 reflect a stan-sighting at La Porte on April 30? While visiting Belle's dard hearing "over the dead body of Belle Gunness."

closest friend, Almetta Hay, a local farmer claimed he After May 5, with the discovery of new corpses, official saw the missing woman sitting down to coffee. When documents began describing the headless woman as "an Almetta died in 1916, neighbors picking through the lit-unidentified adult female," assuming that Belle might ter in her crowded shack retrieved a woman's skull, have faked her own death to escape from the scene. A wedged in between two mattresses. In spite of specula-futile search for the missing skull was begun on May tion that it might belong to the decapitated

basement 19, resulting in discovery of Belle's dental bridge, com-victim, the intriguing lead was not pursued.

plete with anchor teeth attached. Ignoring the various More "sightings" were recorded through the years.

unanswered questions, the coroner issued his final In 1917, a childhood neighbor recognized Belle Gun-report on May 20, declaring that Belle Gunness had ness on admission as a patient to the South Bend hospi-died "at the hands of persons unknown."

tal where he was working as a student nurse. He called Ray Lamphere, from his cell, was adamant in claim-police, but Belle had slipped away before detectives ing that Belle was still alive. On April 28, he said, once reached the scene. In 1931, a Los Angeles prosecutor Belle had set the house on fire, he drove her to the rail-wrote to La Porte's sheriff, claiming that murder defen-way station at Stillwell, Indiana. Police initially took dant Esther Carlson—charged with poisoning 81-year-his story at face value, arresting an innocent widow, old August Lindstrom for money—might be Belle

Flora Heerin, en route from Chicago to visit relatives Gunness. Carlson carried photographs of three children in New York City. Hauled off the train at Syracuse and resembling Belle's, but La Porte could not afford to briefly detained as Belle Gunness, Mrs. Heerin retali-send its sheriff west in those Depression days, and the ated in a lawsuit charging Syracuse police with false suspect died of tuberculosis before trial, leaving the arrest.

question forever open.

Charged with four counts of murder and one count As late as 1935, subscribers to a detective magazine of arson, Ray Lamphere's case went to the jury in allegedly recognized Belle's photograph as the likeness November 1908. On November 26, he was convicted of a whorehouse madam in Ohio. Confronting the old on the arson charge alone, suggesting that the jurors felt woman and addressing her as "Belle," one amateur Belle's death had not been proved "beyond a reasonable sleuth was impressed by the vehemence of her reaction.

doubt." Surviving for two years in prison, Lamphere Pursuing the matter through friends, he was urgently talked endlessly about the case, crediting Belle with 49

warned to let the matter rest . . . and so it has.

murders, netting more than $100,000 from her victims If Gunness did, in fact, survive her "death," she between 1903 and 1908. The basement victim, he con-stands with BELA KISS in that elite society of slayers tended, had been found in a saloon, hired for the who—although identified, with ample evidence to win evening, and murdered to serve as a stand-in. Belle had convictions—manage to escape arrest and so live out promised she would get in touch with Lamphere after their lives in anonymity. Her legacy is rumor, and a she was settled elsewhere, but it seemed that she had snatch of tawdry rhyme that reads, in part:

changed her plans.

The first reported sighting of a resurrected Belle was There's red upon the Hoosier moon

logged on April 29, six days before the new bodies were For Belle was strong and full of doom;

found at her farm. Conductor Jesse Hurst was certain And think of all those Norska men

Mrs. Gunness went aboard his train at the Decatur, Who'll never see St. Paul again.

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the first was Friedel Rothe, age 17, whose parents Born October 25, 1879, in Hanover, Germany, Haar-learned that he had met "Detective Haarmann" just mann was the sixth child of a real-life odd couple. His before he disappeared. Police searched Haarmann's flat father, a surly railroad fireman, was dubbed "Sulky but came up empty. Six years later, he confessed that Olle" by acquaintances; his mother, seven years her Friedel's severed head, wrapped in newspaper, was lying husband's senior, was an invalid. In early childhood, on the floor behind his stove while officers poked Fritz became his mother's pet and grew up hating his through the drawers and cupboards.

father, preferring dolls to the sports enjoyed by other Late in 1918 Haarmann was sentenced to nine

boys his age. Packed off to a military school at age 16, months in prison on charges of indecency with a minor.

Haarmann was soon released when he showed symp-On release he found new quarters for himself, falling toms of epilepsy. Back in Hanover,

he was accused of into company with 24-year-old Hans Grans, a homo- molesting small children and was sent to an asylum for sexual pimp and petty thief. They became lovers and observation, but he escaped after six months in custody.

business associates, Haarmann adding new lines of used Thereafter, Haarmann earned his way through petty clothing and black market meat to the stolen items he crimes, while molesting children for amusement. Turn- sold for a living.

ing over a new leaf in 1900, he became engaged to a Together, Grans and Haarmann launched a whole-local girl but abandoned her for the army when she sale scheme of homicide for fun and profit. Homeless became pregnant. Honorably discharged in 1903, he boys were lured from the railway station, subsequently returned to Hanover and successfully avoided his raped and killed by Haarmann (who informed police father's efforts to have him certified insane. A series of that his technique involved the biting of a victim's arrests followed for burglary, con games, and picking throat). The corpses were dismembered, sold as beef or pockets before Haarmann's father set him up as propri-pork, and the incriminating portions were dropped into etor of a fish-and-chips shop. Fritz promptly stole the the River Leine. Grans took his pick of the discarded business blind, but he was less successful when he clothing prior to selling off the rest; one victim was preyed on strangers. Convicted of a warehouse burglary reportedly disposed of after Grans expressed a wish to in 1914, he was sentenced to five years in prison. Upon own his trousers.

parole, in 1918, he joined a Hanover smuggling ring Hanover police were strangely blind to Haarmann's and prospered, simultaneously working for police as an murderous activities. On one occasion a suspicious cus- informer. On occasion he would introduce himself to tomer delivered some of Haarmann's meat to the strangers as "Detective Haarmann."

authorities for testing, and the "experts" wrote it off as Wartime Hanover was jammed with homeless

pork. "Detective Haarmann" further called attention to refugees, and Haarmann had his pick of boys, enticing himself by visiting the parents of a boy named Keimes, them with offers of a place to spend the night. Among found strangled in a Hanover canal, and subsequently ***107***

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boy identified a coat, now owned by the son of Haarmann's landlady.

In custody, the suspect suddenly decided to confess his crimes in gory detail. Asked the number of his victims, Haarmann replied, "Thirty or forty, I don't remember exactly." Haarmann's trial opened on

December 4 and lasted for two weeks, the defendant grandly puffing on cigars, complaining that there were too many women in the courtroom. Convicted of 24

murders and sentenced to die, Haarmann was beheaded on April 15, 1925. Grans, his accomplice in murder, received a sentence of 12 years in prison.

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A British slayer, Haigh was born in 1909 and subjected by his parents to the strict regimen of the Plymouth Brethren, regarding all forms of amusement as sin. As a child, Haigh won a choral scholarship to Wakefield Grammar School, requiring his participation as a choir boy in Anglican services held at Wakefield cathedral.

The contrast between those services and the drab Plymouth Brethren rituals confused him, allegedly prompting bizarre visions of forests with trees spouting blood.

Whatever the actual source, Haigh displayed early signs of hematomania, the obsession with blood which would ultimately haunt him throughout his life.

Briefly married in 1934, Haigh deserted his wife after serving his first jail term, for fraud, in November of that year. Before the end of World War II he chalked up numerous arrests for theft and minor swindles, com-Fritz Haarmann (center) on his way to trial (Author's collection) pleting his last prison term in 1943. Appearing to "go straight" at last, Haigh moved into the respectable Onslow Court Hotel in South Kensington and rented a told police that Grans had done the murder. Since the nearby basement room for use in perfecting his "inven-pimp was then incarcerated on another charge, police tions." The makeshift lab was stocked with tools, a dismissed the tale and never bothered checking Haar-welding set—and a 40-gallon vat of sulfuric acid.

mann's interest in the case.

On September 9, 1944, Haigh lured a longtime

On May 17, 1924, a human skull was found beside acquaintance, Donald McSwann, to his basement

the Leine; another was unearthed May 29, two more on workshop, killing his prey with a hammer, afterward June 13, but Hanover authorities dismissed the matter slashing his throat for the purpose of drinking his as a "practical joke." Their attitude changed on July 24

blood. The dismembered remains were dissolved in when some children discovered a sack filled with Haigh's acid vat, with the resultant sludge later poured human bones, including another skull, on the river-down a manhole. Taking over control of McSwann's bank. Panic erupted, with newspapers reporting some nearby pinball arcade, Haigh told the dead man's par-600 teenage boys missing in the past year alone. Drag-ents that their son was hiding in Scotland to avoid mili-ging the Leine, police recovered more than 500 bones, tary conscription. Once a week he went to Scotland, accounting for an estimated 27 victims.

mailing forged letters to the anxious couple, but their By coincidence, Fritz Haarmann was arrested during suspicions grew over time, even as Haigh's compulsive this period and charged with another count of public gambling devoured his stolen income.

indecency. A routine search of his flat revealed copious On July 10, 1945, Haigh invited McSwann's parents bloodstains, initially dismissed as a result of his unli-to his lab, bludgeoned them both, and dissolved their censed butcher's operation. Homicide detectives found remains in acid. Forged documents enabled him to their first hard evidence when the parents of a missing usurp their estate, including five houses and a small for-108

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tune in securities, but gambling, poor investments, and Mrs. Durand-Deacon. In custody, Haigh confessed a lavish lifestyle left him strapped for cash again by Feb-everything, playing up the VAMPIRISM angle in his bid ruary 1948.

for an INSANITY DEFENSE. He confessed two more mur-Haigh's next victims were Archie and Rosalie Henders—of victims "Mary" and "Max"—committed

derson, touring his new workshop at Crawley, south of solely in the pursuit of fresh blood, but some authorities London, when they were shot and slipped into an acid dismissed the whole story as a theatrical ruse. (Haigh bath on February 12. Haigh later told police of sam-was also observed drinking his own urine in jail.) pling their blood, but he was rational enough to execute Haigh's trial opened on July 18, 1949, with a defense the forgeries that netted him $12,000 from the dead psychiatrist branding him paranoid and describing his couple's estate.

acts of vampirism as "pretty certain." Unimpressed, A year later, in February 1949, 69-year-old Olivia jurors voted him guilty and sane, and the court imposed Durand-Deacon approached "inventor" Haigh with her a sentence of death. Haigh was hanged at Wandsworth scheme for marketing artificial fingernails. Invited to Prison on August 6, 1949.

the Crawley lab, she was there shot to death, with Haigh allegedly slitting her throat and quaffing a glass of blood before he consigned her to the acid vat. It took ***HANCE, William Henry***

a week to finally dispose of her remains, and Haigh had On September 6, 1977, the nude and lifeless body of an little to show for his effort, selling off her jewelry for army private, 24-year-old Karen Hickman, was discov-

$250 to cover some outstanding debts.

ered near the women's barracks at Fort Benning, near Police responding to a missing-person report were Columbus, Georgia. Beaten with a blunt instrument, suspicious of Haigh's glib answers and his too-helpful then run over several times with a car, Hickman had attitude, and search warrants were obtained for his been killed elsewhere and her corpse transported to the basement workshop. Investigators skimmed 28 pounds spot where it was found. Investigators learned that the of human fat from the acid bath, along with bone frag-victim—a white woman—had dated black soldiers

ments, dentures, gallstones, and a handbag belonging to exclusively, picking them up in bars near the post. An anonymous call led authorities to her missing clothes a month later, but no new evidence was found. The crime was treated as an isolated incident, almost forgotten in the manhunt for the "Stocking Strangler" who terrorized Columbus between September 1977 and April 1978.

By mid-February the Strangler, described as a black man from evidence found at the crime scenes, had raped and murdered six elderly white women

in Columbus. Georgia is Klan country, and racial tension was already mounting when, on March 3, 1978, the chief of police received a letter signed by a self-styled "Chairman of the Forces of Evil." "Since the coroner said the S-Strangler is back," the note read, "we decided to come here and try to catch him or put more pressure on you. . . . From now on black women in Columbus, Ga., will be disappearing if the Strangler is not caught." The first victim, a local black woman named Gail Jackson, had already been abducted by "an organization within an organization," and she was scheduled to die if the Stocking Strangler was not apprehended by June 1.

Two more blacks would be killed, the author promised, if the murderer was still at large on September 1.

Police could find no record of a Gail Jackson missing from Columbus, but they did discover that a black prostitute, Brenda Gail Faison, had disappeared from a local tavern on February 28. A second letter to the chief, arriving March 13, suggested that a ransom of

"Acid Bath Murderer" John Haigh in custody (Wide World API)

$10,000 might secure the hostage's release if homicide

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murder and attempted extortion on April 5. He confessed to the murders in custody but later recanted and claimed innocence. A civilian jury convicted him of Brenda Faison's murder on December 16, 1978, voting the death penalty (plus five years on the extortion charge). Convicted of the Hickman and Thirkield murders at a subsequent court-martial, Hance drew

a sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor. He was executed in Georgia's electric chair on March 31, 1994.

HANSEN, Robert C.

Born at Pocahontas, Idaho, in 1940, Hansen was the son of a Danish immigrant who followed in his father's footsteps as a baker. In his youth, Hansen was skinny and painfully shy, afflicted with a stammer and a severe case of acne that left him permanently scarred. (In later years he would recall his face as "one big pimple.") Shunned by the attractive girls in school, he grew up hating them and nursing fantasies of cruel revenge.

Hansen was married in 1961 and divorced within the year, following his first arrest on charges of arson.

Six years later, he wed another Pocahontas native and she followed him to Anchorage, Alaska, where he opened his own bakery and prospered in a new land, safely removed from the painful memories of childhood and adolescence. Hansen took flying lessons and purchased his own private plane, earning a reputation as an outdoorsman and hunter who stalked Dahl sheep, William Hance, "Chairman of the Forces of Evil" (Author's wolves, and bear with a rifle or bow and arrow.

collection)

In 1972 Hansen was arrested twice more, charged with the abduction and attempted rape of a housewife (who escaped his clutches) and the rape of a prostitute detectives could not find their man before the deadline.

(who did not). Serving less than six months on a When police made no reply, a third note was delivered reduced charge, he was picked up again for shoplifting two weeks later, claiming that a second hostage named a chainsaw in 1976. Convicted of larceny, he was sen-

"Irene" had been abducted, scheduled to die on June 1.

tenced to five years in prison, but the verdict was over-Detectives learned that 32-year-old Irene Thirkield was turned on appeal, the Alaska Supreme Court regarding indeed missing, last seen on March 16 in the company his sentence as "too harsh."

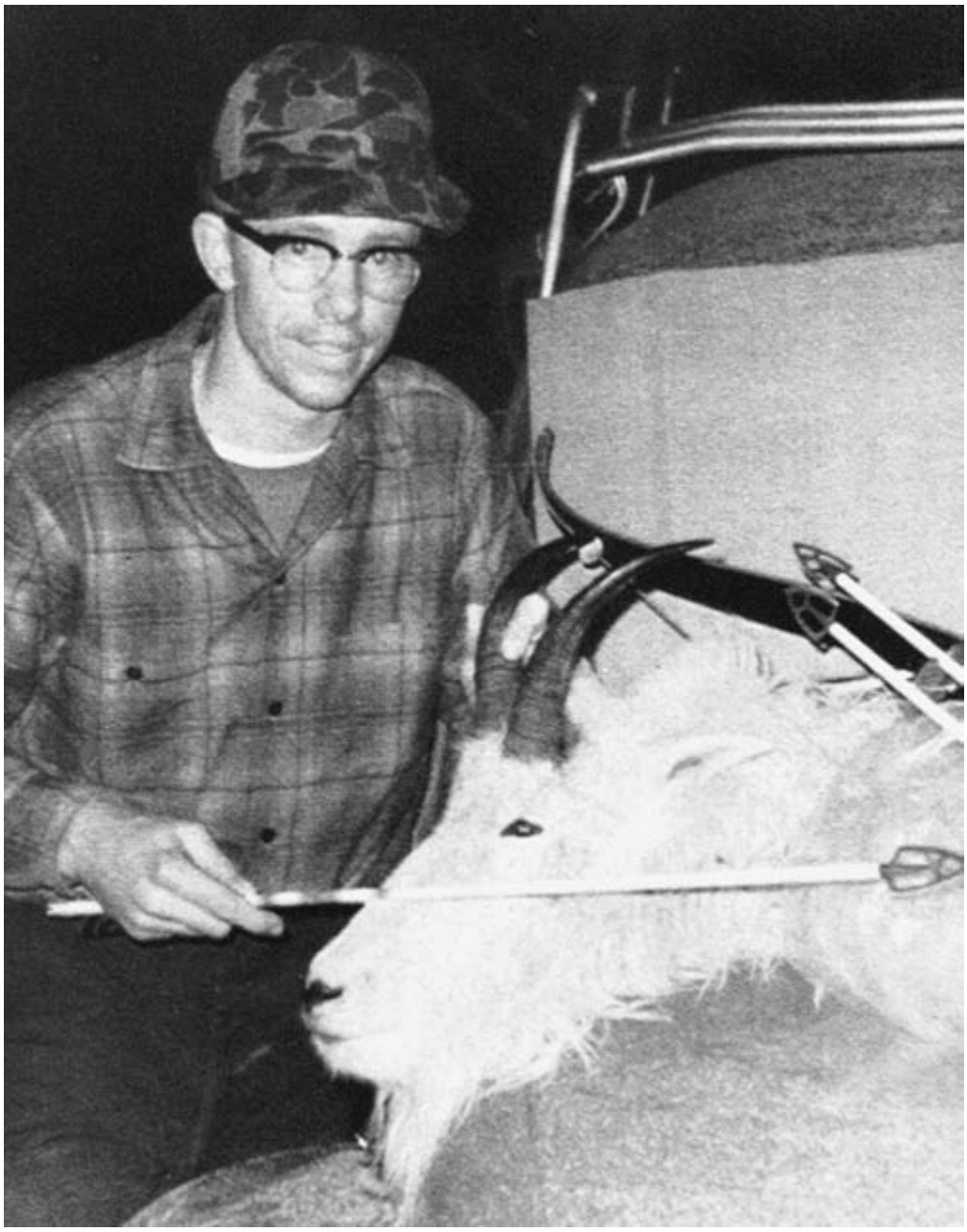
of an unnamed black soldier.

Unknown to local authorities, Hansen's visible activ-In the predawn hours of March 30, 1978, an anony-ities were only the tip of a very lethal iceberg. Accord-mous phone call led MPs to a shallow grave, just off the ing to his subsequent confession, Hansen preyed military reservation, where they uncovered the remains consistently on women in the decade between

1973 and of Brenda Faison, her face and skull crushed into pulp 1983, murdering 17 and raping 30 more who survived.

by a savage beating. Four days later, another call As targets, he selected prostitutes, nude dancers, and directed CID agents to Maertens Range at Fort Ben-the like, transporting them by airplane to the wilderness ning, and Irene Thirkield's headless body—plus scat-outside of Anchorage, where they were forced to act tered skull fragments—was found hidden behind a pile out Hansen's private fantasies. "If they came across of logs.

with what I wanted," he explained, "we'd come back to On April 4, an officer reviewing tapes of the anony-town. I'd tell them if they made any trouble for me, I mous phone calls recognized the distinctive voice, fin-had connections and would have them put in jail for gering a black 26-year-old private, William Hance, as being prostitutes." Resistance—or demands for pay-the caller. An ammunition handler for the 10th ment after sex—resulted in assorted victims being mur-Artillery, Hance was arrested that day, charged with dered, sometimes with the ghoulish touch of Hansen ***110***



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stripping them naked and stalking them like animals, still dangling from one wrist as she ran for help. Her making the kill with a hunting knife or his favorite big-charges brought Hansen to the attention of task force game rifle.

detectives, and he ultimately confessed to a series of 17

The first indication of a killer at large came in 1980, murders, including that of Paula Golding, found by when construction workers unearthed a woman's

hunters in September 1983. On a flying tour of the remains near Eklutna Road. Stabbed to death in 1979, wilderness, Hansen began pointing out graves to state she was never identified and was dubbed "Eklutna troopers and they recovered 11 bodies over the next Annie" by police assigned to work the case. Later that eight months. Several victims remained anonymous, year, the corpse of Joanna Messina was found in a their names unknown even to Hansen, but others were gravel pit near Seward, and a special task force was identified as Rox Easland, Lisa Futrell, Andrea Altiery, organized to probe the killings. Topless dancer Sherry Angela Fetter, Teresa Watson, and Delynn Frey—all Morrow had been dead 10 months when hunters found reported missing from the Anchorage area during her body in a shallow grave beside the Knik River, but Hansen's reign of terror.

the discovery brought authorities no closer to a solution On February 18, 1984, Robert Hansen pled guilty in their case.

on four counts of first-degree murder in the cases of In 1983 Hansen decided to save time and energy by

"Eklutna Annie," Joanna Messina, Sherry Morrow, and bringing his victims home. He called it his "summer Paula Golding. Charges were dismissed in the other project," laying the groundwork by packing his wife cases, but it scarcely mattered, as Hansen was sentenced and two children off on a European vacation. Next, he to a term of life imprisonment plus 461 years.

began running ads in a local singles newspaper, seeking women to "join me in finding what's around the next bend, over the next hill."

HARVEY, Donald

On June 13, 1983, a 17-year-old captive escaped A homosexual and self-styled occultist, Don Harvey from Hansen en route to his airplane hangar, handcuffs attached himself to the medical profession at age 18, working as an orderly at Marymount Hospital in London, Kentucky, from May 1970 through March 1971.

In 1987, Harvey would confess to killing off at least a dozen patients in his 10 months on the job, smothering two with pillows and hooking 10 others up to near-empty oxygen tanks, all in an effort to "ease their suffering." Arrested for burglary on March 31, he pled guilty to a reduced charge of petty theft the next day, escaping with a $50 fine. The judge

recommended psychiatric treatment for his "troubled condition," but Harvey chose the U.S. Air Force instead, serving 10

months in uniform before he was prematurely discharged in March 1972, on unspecified grounds.

Back home in Kentucky, Harvey was twice committed to the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Lexington, from July 16 to August 25 and again from September 17 to October 17. His mother ascribed the committals to mental disorders, with Harvey kept in restraints, and his lawyers would later refer to a bungled suicide attempt. The recipient of 21 electroshock-therapy treatments, Harvey emerged from the VA hospital with no visible improvement in his morbid condition.

Concealing his record, Harvey found work as a part-time nurse's aide at Cardinal Hill Hospital in Lexington between February and August 1973. In June he added a second nursing job, at Lexington's Good Samaritan Hospital, remaining in that position through January Robert Hansen poses with a mountain goat he killed with 1974. (One of his lovers in Lexington, Harvey later a bow and arrow. (Wide World API)

said, was a local mortician's assistant who also enjoyed ***111***

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having sex with corpses after visiting hours at the As Harvey played the numbers game with prosecu-funeral home.) Between August 1974 and September tors, adding victims to the tune of 52, then 80-plus, his 1975 he worked first as a telephone operator in Lexing-mental state was questioned, and psychiatric tests were ton, then moved on to a job as a clerk at St. Luke's Hos-performed and scrutinized by experts. A spokesman for pital in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. He kept his killing urge the Cincinnati prosecutor's office said, "This man is in check somehow, but it became increasingly difficult sane, competent, but is a compulsive killer. He builds to manage, finally driving him away from home, across up tension in his body, so he kills people." Harvey, for the state line to Cincinnati, Ohio.

his part, insisted that most of the murders were From September 1975 through July 1985, Harvey

"mercy" killings, while admitting that some—including held a variety of jobs at the Cincinnati VA Medical attacks on friends and acquaintances outside of work—

Center, working as a nursing assistant, a housekeeping had been done "out of spite." In televised interviews, aide, a cardiac-catheterization

technician, and an Donald discussed his fascination with black magic, autopsy assistant. In the latter position, he sometimes pointedly refusing to discuss his views on Satanism, but stole tissue samples from the hospital morgue, taking authorities were treated to a sketch of his makeshift them home "for study." On the side, he murdered at altar.

least 15 patients, supplementing his previous methods On August 18, 1987, Harvey pled guilty in Cincin-with an occasional dose of poison, once joking with nati on 24 counts of aggravated murder, four counts of ward nurses after a patient's death that "I got rid of attempted murder, and one count of felonious assault.

that one for you." Nor were Harvey's victims limited to A 25th murder plea, added four days later, earned him a suffering patients. Fuming at neighbor Diane Alexander total of four consecutive life sentences, requiring Har-after a quarrel, he laced her beverage with hepatitis vey to serve at least 80 years before he is considered for serum, nearly killing her before the infection was diag-parole. (For good measure, the court also levied nosed and treated by physicians.

$270,000 in fines against Harvey, with no realistic hope On July 18, 1985, Harvey was caught leaving work of collecting a penny.)

with a suspicious satchel: inside, security guards found Moving on to Kentucky, Harvey confessed to a

a .38-caliber pistol, hypodermic needles, surgical scis-dozen Marymount slayings on September 7, 1987, sors and gloves, a cocaine spoon, two books of occult entering a formal guilty plea on nine counts of murder lore, and a biography of serial killer Charles Sobhraj.

that November. In breaking JOHN WAYNE GACY's

Cited by federal agents for bringing a weapon into the record for accumulated victims, Harvey earned

VA facility, Harvey was fined $50 and forced to resign another eight life terms plus 20 years, but he was still from his job.

not finished. Back in Cincinnati during February Seven months later, in February 1986, Harvey was 1988, he entered guilty pleas on three more homicides hired as a part-time nurse's aide at Cincinnati's Drake and three attempted murders, drawing three life sen-Memorial Hospital, later working his way up to a full-tences plus three terms of seven to 25 years on the lat-time position. In 13 months, before his ultimate arrest, ter charges. With 37 confirmed murder victims (and he murdered at least 23 more

patients, disconnecting confessions nearly tripling that body count), Harvey life-support equipment or injecting them with mixtures holds the official record as America's most prolific ser-of arsenic, cyanide, and a petroleum-based cleanser.

ial killer.

Some of the hospital victims, he later admitted, were chosen "by magic," with Harvey chanting over stolen locks of hair or fingernail clippings, arranged on a ***HAYDON, Mark***

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makeshift altar at his home. Outside of work, he sometimes practiced on his live-in lover, one Carl Hoeweler, poisoning Hoeweler after an argument, then nursing ***HEIDNIK, Gary Michael***

him back to health. Carl's parents were also poisoned, Gary Heidnik was two years old when his parents the father surviving, while Hoeweler's mother died.

divorced, his mother charging her husband with "gross On March 7, 1987, patient John Powell's death was neglect of duty." Two years later, her chronic alco-ruled a homicide, autopsy results detecting lethal doses holism forced her to send Gary and a younger brother of cyanide in his system. Donald Harvey was arrested in back to live with their father, the unstable pattern of April, charged with one count of aggravated murder, Heidnik's life already well established. Dropping out of and held under $200,000 bond when he filed a plea of high school in October 1961, he joined the army a not guilty by reason of insanity. By August 11, he had month later and received medical training at Fort Sam confessed a total of 33 slayings, and bond was revoked Houston, in Texas. Heidnik was posted to a military two days later, with new charges filed.

hospital in West Germany during May 1962, but he ***112***

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Gary Heidnik arrives for trial. (Wide World API) was back in the States by October, committed to a house for sex, but if anyone objected, their complaints Pennsylvania sanitarium for three months of psychiatric fell through the cracks and were ignored.

therapy. Honorably discharged from the military with a In 1971 Heidnik established the "United Church of the 100-percent disability rating, his records permanently Ministries of God," drawing his eight-member congrega-sealed and classified, he received a monthly pension of tion from the Elwyn Institute's clientele. His front yard $1,355 from the government for his trouble.

became the repository for a derelict boat and four junk Over the next quarter-century, Heidnik was fre-cars, but Gary dismissed the complaints of his neighbors quently committed to mental institutions at Morris-with airy disdain. He preyed on black women for sex but town, Coatesville, and Honesdale, Pennsylvania, despised their race otherwise, frequently lecturing friends sometimes remaining for months at a time. He seemed on the imminence of an American "race war."

to profit little from the therapy, professing ignorance In autumn 1976, Heidnik barricaded himself in the about the details of his own condition. "They haven't basement of his home, armed with a rifle and handgun, given

me a technical name," he told a judge in 1978, daring his disgruntled tenants to deliver their com-

"but it's some kind of schizophrenia."

plaints in person. One tried to climb through a window In February 1964, Heidnik signed up for a practical and Gary shot him in the face, inflicting a superficial nursing program in Philadelphia, successfully complet-wound. Charges of aggravated assault were later dising 12 months of training and a six-month internship at missed, and Heidnik soon moved away, selling his Philadelphia General Hospital. By 1967 he had banked house to a university professor. The new owner turned enough money from his job and government pension to up collections of pornographic magazines, heaps of rot-purchase a three-story house, occupying one floor him-ting garbage, and scores of spent .22-caliber cartridges self while he rented the others to tenants. On the side, he in the attic. Downstairs, in the cellar, he found an 18-began hanging around the Elwyn Institute for the inch hole in the concrete floor, with the soil underneath retarded, treating female inmates—usually African-excavated to a depth of three feet.

American or Hispanic—to picnics, movies, and shop-In 1977 Heidnik ping trips. The "dates" normally wound invested $35,000 in the stock mar-up at Heidnik's ket, building his fortune up to a half-million dollars

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over the next decade. He purchased a fleet of luxury 1984, Heidnik purchased his last house, on North Mar-cars—including a Rolls Royce, a Cadillac, a Lincoln shall Street in Philadelphia, and put up a sign announc-Continental, and a customized van—dodging legitimate ing the new location of his one-man "church." Around taxes in the guise of a "bishop" in his nonexistent the same time, he befriended Cyril Brown, a retarded

"church." He shared his home with an illiterate black man employed by Heidnik as a part-time handy retarded woman, and she bore him a daughter

in man and general "gofer."

March 1978, the child later turning up in a foster home.

In October 1985, Heidnik married a 22-year-old Fil-On May 7 of that year, Heidnik and his girlfriend drove ipina woman, with whom he had corresponded for the to a mental institution in Harrisburg, picking up her sis-past two years. Almost at once, he began bringing other ter for a day's outing. At age 34, their new companion women home for sexual liaisons, prompting his wife to had the IQ of a three-year-old, and she had been institu-flee their home in January 1986. She wound up in a tionalized for the past 20 years. Authorities found her shelter for battered women, complaining that Gary fre-in Heidnik's filthy basement on May 17, returning her quently raped and assaulted her. Police booked Heidnik to the home, and Gary was arrested on June 6, charged on charges of spousal rape, indecent assault, and simple with rape, kidnapping, deviate sexual intercourse, assault, while the courts handed down an injunction endangering, unlawful restraint, and interfering with barring any form of harassment against his wife. Crimi-the custody of a committed person.

nal charges were dropped in March when the com-Hospitalized himself in August 1978, Heidnik was plainant failed to appear in court, but her affidavits convicted at trial three months later, drawing a sentence remain, including descriptions of Heidnik performing of three to seven years in prison. He served four years with three female partners at once.

and four months of the time, dispatched to mental instiOn Thanksgiving Day 1985, 26-year-old Josephina tutions on three occasions after suicide attempts—via Rivera left her boyfriend's apartment following a birth-pills, carbon monoxide, and by chewing a lightbulb—

day celebration, bound to do some shopping. A part-before he was paroled in April 1983. In December time prostitute, she readily accepted Heidnik's offer of $20 for sex and accompanied him to his house, where he choked her unconscious and shackled her to the bed.

Later, she was transferred to the basement, dumped in a pit with a weighted board covering the hole. In captivity, Rivera was raped daily by Heidnik, surviving on a diet of bread and water, with an occasional "treat" in the form of dog food or biscuits.

In early December, Heidnik bagged his second captive in Sandra Lindsey, a 25-year-old retarded friend of Cyril Brown. Chained to a beam in the basement, she was subjected to a regimen of torture, rape, and rancid

food, Heidnik dividing his time between the two prisoners. Lisa Thomas, 19, was abducted at Christmas, with 18-year-old Jacqueline Askins joining the harem in January 1986. Heidnik began playing the women off against each other, encouraging them to inform on acts of disobedience. Punishments included beatings and electric shocks, with the occasional refinement of a screwdriver jammed into a victim's ears. In his reflective moments, Heidnik regaled them with plans for collecting 10 prisoners and fathering as many children as possible before he died.

In February 1987, Sandra Lindsay died after several days of hanging in chains from the rafters. Heidnik and Rivera, who acted under coercion, bore the corpse upstairs, where it was placed in a tub and dismembered with a power saw. Lindsay's replacement was 23-year-old Deborah Dudley, kidnapped in March, but she Police search for evidence outside Gary Heidnik's proved uncooperative and Heidnik killed her on March Philadelphia house. (Wide World API)

19, hooking electrical wires to her chains as she stood ***114***

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in a pit filled with water. Dudley spent two days in the weathered the Great Depression without serious diffi-freezer before Heidnik and Josephina Rivera drove to culty, and if Heirens had any problems, they came from the Wharton State Forest, near Camden, New Jersey, within. His adolescent sexual repression evolved from dumping her corpse in the woods on March 22.

parental advice that "All sex is dirty. If you touch any-Two days later, Rivera escaped from the basement one, you get a disease." In place of normal outlets, prison, seeking refuge at her boyfriend's home. He Heirens found release through firesetting and fetish bur-called police, and raiders swept through Heidnik's glaries, reaching orgasm when he invaded homes to house on March 25, finding bedroom walls papered steal women's underwear.

with currency, the kitchen decorated with pennies, and In 1942, at age 13, Heirens was arrested for carrying Susan Lindsay's chopped-up remains stored in a freezer a loaded pistol to the parochial school he attended. His nearby. The basement was a bona fide chamber of hor-parents were stunned when police came calling, turning rors, with three malnourished women chained to the up a rifle and three more pistols behind the refrigerator plumbing, nude from the waist down. Foul-smelling and four more weapons

hidden on the roof. In custody, pits in the floor had served as their sleeping quarters.

he confessed 11 burglaries and six acts of ARSON, but Neighbors belatedly recalled a persistent odor of burn-his youth and family background saved him from seri-ing flesh emanating from Heidnik's abode. Human ous punishment. Packed off to the Gibault School for remains were retrieved from the drains, and searchers Boys at Terre Haute, Indiana, he was released to his made the drive to New Jersey that afternoon recovering parents 11 months later. Back home in Chicago, he Deborah Dudley's corpse.

resumed his old pattern of night-prowling thefts.

Held in lieu of a $4 million bond, Heidnik was hos-According to transcripts of psychiatric interviews, pitalized in April after trying to hang himself in a jail Heirens not only stole women's garments, but some-shower stall. Defense attorneys sought to prove their times wore them in private while leafing through a client insane, suggesting that he had been used for mili-scrapbook filled with photographs of ranking German tary LSD experiments during the 1960s, but jurors Nazis. A second burglary arrest earned him an 18-rejected the argument, convicting Heidnik of double month reformatory sentence, but he still managed to murder on July 1, 1988. Other charges included six enroll as a sophomore at the University of Chicago in counts of kidnapping, five counts of rape, four counts 1945 after passing a special entrance exam. At the same of aggravated assaults, and one count of deviate sexual time, he continued his career of fetish burglaries.

intercourse. On July 3 the defendant was sentenced to On June 5, 1945, Heirens was looting the Chicago die by lethal injection, with superfluous prison time apartment of 43-year-old Josephine Ross when his vic-totaling 150 to 300 years.

tim awoke and caught him in the act. Attacking ruth-Six months later, on December 31, Heidnik

lessly, he cut her throat and stabbed her several times, attempted suicide once again, swallowing an overdose relenting at the sight of blood and trying hopelessly to of Thorazine in his prison cell. A guard found him bind her neck with bandages. That done, he spent two comatose on New Year's Day, but Gary soon recovered hours at the scene, wandering

aimlessly from room to and returned to death row. The Pennsylvania Supreme room as he experienced multiple orgasms.

Court rejected his automatic appeal on March 7, 1991, Four months later, on October 5, he was surprised whereupon the "Madman of Marshall Street" ordered once more while prowling the apartment of an army his attorneys to forego any further appeals. An execu-nurse, 27-year-old Lieutenant Evelyn Peterson. Heirens tion date was ultimately fixed for April 15, 1997, Heid-decked her and fled, leaving fingerprints behind, but nik insisting that he wanted to die on schedule, but his police failed to match them with the records of his ear-daughter intervened at the 11th hour, winning an indeflier arrests.

inite stay of execution while Heidnik's sanity is reexam-On December 10, 1945, 33-year-old Frances Brown ined. Heidnik was executed by lethal injection on July emerged from her bathroom to find Heirens rifling her 6, 1999, pronounced dead at 10:29 P.M., less than an purse. As she began to scream, he shot her twice, then hour after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his final fetched a kitchen knife to finish off the job. Dragging appeal.

his victim into the bathroom, Heirens tried in vain to wash her blood away, then left her draped across the tub, half-covered with a housecoat. Across one bed-HEIRENS, William George

room wall, in Brown's own lipstick, Heirens wrote: On the surface, William Heirens seemed to have every

"For heaven's sake catch me before I kill more. I cannot advantage. Born in November 1928, he was the only control myself."

child of affluent parents in the Chicago suburb of Lin-Chicago police were still seeking the elusive "Lip-colnwood. His father, a steel company executive, stick Killer" on January 7, 1946, when Heirens invaded ***115***

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the bedroom of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan, abducting the child and leaving a written demand for $20,000

ransom as a ruse to baffle detectives. Retreating to a nearby basement, Heirens strangled the child and dismembered her body with a hunting knife, wrapping the pieces in paper and dropping them into storm drains as he roamed the streets in early morning darkness.

The case was still unsolved on June 26, when police answered a prowler call on Chicago's north side. Confronted with uniforms, Heirens drew a pistol and squeezed the trigger twice, his weapon misfiring each time. Undaunted, he began to grapple with the officers, struggling fiercely until he was cracked on the head with a flower pot.

In jail, under the influence of "truth serum," the teenage killer blamed his crimes on an alter-ego,

"George Murman"—short for "Murder Man." In

August 1946, his lawyers cut a deal with the state to save William—s life, accepting three consecutive terms of life imprisonment in exchange for a detailed confession. On the date of formal sentencing, September 5, Heirens tried to hang himself with a bedsheet but bungled the job and escaped without injury. In 1965, Heirens was placed on institutional parole for the Degnan slaying, but he still owed time for the Ross and Brown murders. A federal judge ordered his release in April 1983, citing William's alleged rehabilitation, but the order was overturned on appeal by the state in February 1984. Rejected for parole some 30 times, Heirens remains in custody at this writing and has served more prison time than any other inmate in the history of Illi-Herman Mudgett prepares to kill his last two victims.

nois. Today, supported by a small but vocal group of (Author's collection)

friends on the outside, he denies any role in the murders that sent him to prison, insisting that he was framed by corrupt police, pleading guilty to save his own life in the

"lynch atmosphere" of the times.

Bestia, killed multiple wives by means of aconite—a poison that he manually inserted into their vaginas during sex. Around the same time, Cicero accused one ***HENLEY, Elmer Wayne***

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Oppianicus of murdering victims who included his pregnant wife, two sons, a brother, his father-in-law, and others unnamed. Locusta, a female poisoner for ***HISTORY of Serial Murder***

hire, was publicly executed by order of Emperor In November 1983, Time magazine described serial Galba in 69 A.D. The following year, a defendant murderers as "a new breed of killer," and while such named Asprenas was charged with murdering 130 vic-comments were routine in the 1980s, they were also tims. Some 400 years later, in fifth-century Yemen, grossly inaccurate. Some authors with a slightly better wealthy Zu Shenatir lured young boys to his home grasp of history profess to see the first serial killer in with offers of food and money, sodomizing them 19th-century London's "JACK THE RIPPER," but even before he tossed them to their deaths from an upstairs they are off the mark by more than two millennia.

window. His body count is unknown, but history The first recorded case of serial murder dates from records that Zu Shenatir was stabbed to death by an 331 B.C., when Roman authorities convicted 170

intended victim in his home.

lethal women of poisoning "countless" male victims An early example of CULT murder was seen in 11th-and blaming their deaths on the plague. Another century Persia (now Iran), where the Assassins, mem-Roman defendant, "BLUEBEARD" slayer Calpurnius bers of a Muslim splinter group, took their name from ***116***

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the descriptive term hashashin (users of hashish). Assas-ERZSEBET BÁTHORY was convicted of torturing young sins viewed murder as a sacred duty to their god and women to death for personal amusement. French poi-earthly ruler—the "Old Man of the Mountains"—but soner Marie de Brinvilliers practiced her art on invalids their frequent use as mercenary hit men during the Cru-before switching to friends and relatives and was exe-sades has blurred the lines between slayings considered cuted for her crimes in 1676. Four years later, France holy work and those that were strictly business. Inas-was rocked by the "chambre ardente" scandal, impli-much as killers were dispatched to their assignments cating the king's mistress, a self-styled witch, and a with elaborate rituals, including use of sex and psyche-rogue Catholic priest in the ritual murders of several delic drugs to generate "visions" of the paradise that hundred infants. In 1719, Italian authorities executed awaited faithful servants of the cult, there may have another female killer, La Tofania, on conviction of poi-been no real distinction on the part of those who did soning 600 victims.

the killing. The sect was theoretically destroyed in 1256

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The European tradition of serial murder continued by Mongol invaders under Hulaku, grandson of

into the 19th century, with German defendant Gessina Genghis Khan, with some 12,000 members slain, but Gottfried beheaded in 1828, convicted of poisoning French observers noted remnants of the group surviving 20-odd victims since 1815. In England, “resurrection-into the early 19th century.

ists” Burke and Hare soon tired of robbing graves for It may be sheer coincidence that the “demise” of the medical specimens, killing 11 persons before they were Assassins coincided with the birth of yet another homi-captured in 1828. An Austrian beggar named Swiatek cidal cult, this time in India. Dating from the early 13th fed at least six murdered children to his hungry family century, the sect called *thag*—Hindi for “deceiver”—

in 1850, and French cook Helene Jegado was executed saw its members labeled “Thugs” in a corruption of the a year later, accused of poisoning 60 persons over two label they selected for themselves. Cultists were also decades. Joseph Phillipe butchered French prostitutes known as *Phansigars,* after the Hindi word for in the 1860s, and “Jack the Ripper” carried the game

“noose,” since they preferred to strangle victims with to London 20 years later, inspiring a rash of imitators the scarf each member wore around his waist. Thugs in Moscow, Vienna, Nicaragua—even Texas—by the worshiped Kali, the Hindu goddess of destruction, and end of the decade. Amelia Dyer, the British “BABY

aside from random homicide, their rituals also incorpo-FARMER,” was convicted in 1896 of killing at least 15

rated masochistic elements in which devotees were infants. The following year, French necrophile JOSEPH

flogged and mutilated by their priests or hoisted aloft VACHER was executed for slaughtering 14 victims over with hooks in their flesh, while the ecstatic audience three years’ time.

chanted, “Victory to Mother Kali.” It is impossible to In the United States, the bloodthirsty Harpe brothers say how many victims were annihilated by Thugs in the terrorized the Wilderness Trail in the 1790s, gutting 600 years before they were suppressed by British mili-their victims and dumping the rock-laden corpses into tary force. Colonial records indicate that some 4,500

rivers and lakes to avoid discovery. John Dahmen, con-Thugs were convicted of various crimes between 1830

demned for two Indiana murders in 1820, confessed and 1848, with at least 110 sentenced to death for mur-several others in Europe and America before he was der. One of those, Thuggee Buhram, single-handedly hanged. New England slayer Samuel Green was cred-disposed of 931 victims before his arrest in 1840, and ited with “numerous” murders when he went to the British authorities estimated that cultists accounted for gallows in 1822. Four decades later, the Espinoza some 40,000 murders in the year 1812 alone. Assuming brothers sought vengeance for the Mexican War by that to be a record year, even 10 times the normal body slaughtering 26 Anglos across the Southwest. The mur-count, it is apparent that the thugs must still have derous Bender clan dispatched at least a dozen Kansas slaughtered several million victims during their six cen-travelers in 1872–73, fleeing the state one jump ahead turies of active hunting.

of vigilante justice. The years 1875–76 brought grim In Europe, meanwhile, serial killers emerged from news to Boston, with church sexton Thomas Piper con-the ranks of nobles and peasants alike. GILLES DE RAIS, victed of killing three women, and teenager Jesse the richest man in France and a confidant to Joan of Pomeroy sentenced to life for the torture-slayings of Arc, was executed in 1440 for slaying upward of 100

neighborhood children. Stephen Richards, the

children in perverted sex-and-magic rituals. Margaret

“Nebraska Fiend,” murdered at least nine victims Davey, an English cook, was boiled alive in 1542 for before his arrest in 1879. In Chicago, sadist Herman poisoning a series of employers without apparent Mudgett built a custom-tailored “murder castle” to dis-motive. At least five cannibal killers were prosecuted as pose of female visitors to the 1893 World’s Fair; con-

“werewolves” in France and Germany between the victed of one murder, he confessed to 26 others before years 1573 and 1590. In 1611, Hungarian Countess he was hanged. New England nurse Jane Toppan

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started poisoning her patients in 1880; at her trial, two in the grim competition by Russia and South Africa, decades later, she recited the names of 31 remembered where social and political upheavals coupled with

victims, while her prosecutors placed the final tally relaxation of longstanding news censorship produced a closer to 100.

glut of new serial murder reports at the turn of the 21st Ironically, considering the present state of public century.

anguish over crime, America owes much of its frontier folklore—and a significant part of its modern character—to pathological killers who have been transformed **HOCH, Johann Otto**

into heroes (or, at least, legends) by a historical twist of Born John Schmidt in 1855, at Horweiler, Germany, fate. Mountain man John Johnston (*Jeremiah Johnson* Hoch immigrated to the United States as a young man in the Hollywood rendition) killed scores of American and dropped his surname in favor of assorted pseudo-Indians on sight and ate their livers raw as a gesture of nyms, frequently taking the name of his most recent vic-contempt. Henry McCarty, aka William Bonney or Billy tim. At age 51, Chicago police would dub him

the Kid, killed less than half the victims claimed for him

“America’s greatest mass murderer,” but statistics in 19th-century dime novels, but he was still a remorse-remain vague in this puzzling case. We know that Hoch less cop-killer and feudist. Alcoholic Clay Allison once bigamously married at least 55 women between 1890

murdered a bunkmate for snoring. The truly prolific and 1905, bilking all of them for cash and slaying killers, like Bill Longley and John Wesley Hardin (40

many, but the final number of his murder victims is a known victims, “not counting Mexicans”), were quick-matter of conjecture. Sensational reports credit Hoch trigger racists who slaughtered blacks, Hispanics, and with 25 to 50 murders, but police were only certain of Indians at the drop of an imaginary insult, never hesitat-15, and in the end he went to trial (and to the gallows) ing to shoot a lawman in the back if the opportunity for a single homicide.

presented itself. Even those who served sporadically as Hoch’s first—and only legal—wife was Christine marshals habitually kept an eye out for “easy pickings”

Ramb, who bore him three children before he deserted in the form of an unguarded stagecoach or bank. Their her in 1887. By February 1895, as “Jacob Huff,” he latter-day deification through FICTION AND FILM has

lit-had surfaced in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he won tle or nothing to do with the facts of their everyday lives.

the heart and hand of Caroline Hoch, a middle-aged In this century, serial killers have provided the media widow. They were married in April, and Caroline fell with some of its gorier headlines. LEONARD NELSON, the gravely ill three months later. Called to her beside, Rev.

Bible-quoting strangler, raped and murdered landladies Hermann Haas watched “Huff” administer a potion from coast to coast in the 1920s before a Canadian that Haas believed to be poison, but the minister took hangman’s rope cut short his career. Cleveland’s “MAD

no action and Caroline died days later in agony. “Huff”

BUTCHER” was a 1930s sensation, outwitting Eliot Ness cleaned out her $900 bank account, sold their house, and dissecting his 16 victims so expertly that 10 of the collected $2,500 in life insurance benefits—and van-skulls were never found. National Guard units were ished. Suicide was suspected, with his clothing, his used to track Charles Starkweather, random slayer of watch, and a note found on the bank of the Ohio River, 11 victims in 1957–58, and “Sex Beast” MELVIN REES

but no body was ever recovered.

appalled the nation with his grisly murders of eight vic-Hoch kept his latest victim’s surname—described by tims in Maryland and Virginia two years later. By the prosecutors as “a warped keepsake stored in an evil time ALBERT DESALVO confessed to a series of 13 mur-mind”—and moved on to Chicago, finding work in the ders in Boston, escaping prosecution with a crafty plea meat-packing plants when he was not engaged with the bargain in 1967, authorities had recognized the early business of swindling women. Selecting his victims from warning signs of what one FBI spokesman has called newspaper “lonely-hearts” columns, Hoch went merrily

“an epidemic of homicidal mania.”

about his business until 1898, when he was sentenced to And in fact, while serial murder is anything but a year in jail for defrauding a used-furniture dealer.

“new,” the numbers of killers and victims *have* Police Inspector George Shippy also suspected Hoch of increased dramatically in recent years. Between 1900

bigamy, and murder was added to the list upon receipt and 1959, American police recorded an average of two of a letter from Rev. Haas in West Virginia. Shippy serial murder cases per year nationwide. By 1969, started digging into Hoch's background, turning up authorities were logging six cases per year, a figure that reports of dozens of missing or deserted women from nearly tripled in the 1970s. By 1985, new serial killers San Francisco to New York City, but solid evidence were being reported at an average rate of three per remained elusive. In Wheeling, Caroline Hoch was month, a rate that remained fairly constant through exhumed in a search for arsenic traces, but surgeons 2005. America, meanwhile, was challenged for primacy found the body gutted, all her vital organs missing.

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Hoch was released at the end of his jail term, chalk-arguments to the contrary, there is no evidence of ele-ing up another 15 wives before his ultimate arrest in vated insanity rates among homosexuals, nor do they 1905. Aware that Shippy and others were charting his commit a disproportionate number of crimes (except, movements, Hoch killed more often and more swiftly perhaps, in jurisdictions where homosexual activity is now, relying on primitive embalming fluids—with their itself criminalized).

high arsenic content—to cover any traces of poison in That said, homosexuality *does* play a significant role his victims. On December 5, 1904, he married Marie in some cases of serial murder. It is not true, as stated in Walcker in Chicago, killing her almost at once. Wasting a *Penthouse* magazine article (March 1998) that some no time, Hoch proposed to his new sister-in-law on the 45 percent of American serial killers in the past quarter-night of Marie's death, and they were married six days century were identified as homosexuals. The author of after the hasty funeral. Amelia Hoch bestowed a gift of that piece based his calculation on "the roughly 80

$750 on her husband, prompting him to vanish with known serial slayers of the past 25 years in the United the cash, and she immediately summoned the police.

States," concluding that 36 of them (all but 10

Modern science was Hoch's downfall. His late wife's unnamed) were gay or lesbian. In fact, America pro-mortician employed a new embalming

fluid with no duced some *800* serial killers during the decades in taint of arsenic. Medical examiners found poison in question, 90 percent of them ignored by the author in Marie Walcker's system and Hoch was charged with his quest to make a point. Analysis of a more complete her murder, his photograph mailed to every major sampling indicates that gay serial killers driven by sex-American newspaper. In New York City, a middle-aged ual urges account for roughly 5 percent of all known landlady recognized "Henry Bartels," a new tenant cases where the killers (or their MOTIVES) are identified.

who had proposed marriage to her 20 minutes after Ironically, while gay serial killers represent a tiny renting a room. At his arrest, police seized a revolver, minority of the broader group, their ranks include some several wedding rings with their inscriptions filed off, of the most prolific slayers in modern times. DONALD

and a fountain pen filled with arsenic—which Hoch HARVEY, convicted of 37 murders (and guilty, by his claimed was intended for himself, a foiled attempt at own admission, of some 50 others), leads in the official suicide.

body count, closely followed by JOHN GACY (33 convic-Chicago journalists dubbed Hoch the "Stockyard tions), DEAN CORLL (27 dead), JUAN CORONA (25), and Bluebeard," trumpeting the speculative details of his PATRICK KEARNEY (28 confessed, 21 convictions). JEF-criminal career. At trial he whistled, hummed, and FREY DAHMER seems almost an underachiever in such twirled his thumbs throughout the prosecution's case, company, with 17 victims. Convictions lag behind apparently well pleased with his position in the lime-known body counts in other cases: William Bonin was light. On conviction of Marie Walcker's murder, he was executed for 10 of California's 21 "FREEWAY MUR-sentenced to hang, telling the court, "It's all over with DERS"; "Scorecard Killer" RANDY KRAFT stands con-Johann. It serves me right." Mounting the gallows on victed of 16 homicides and suspected of 51 more; OTTIS

February 23, 1906, Hoch reverted to a claim of inno-TOOLE was ultimately sentenced for six murders in cence, declaring, "I am done with this world. I have Florida and one in West Virginia, but police believe he done with everybody." As the trap was sprung, a local claimed more than 100 victims in company with side-newsman quipped, "Yes, Mr. Hoch, but

the question kick HENRY LUCAS; LARRY EYLER was sentenced to die remains: *What* have you done with everybody?"

for only one of his 23 murders. In England, gay ex-Part of the solution was unearthed in 1935 when policeman DENNIS NILSEN slaughtered 15 men and kept human bones were found inside the wall of a Chicago their bodies in his home for "company."

house once occupied by Hoch. It was a meager bit of Homosexual slayers clearly have no monopoly on evidence, the victim unidentified, and Johann's body violence, but it is true that their crimes often display count, the names and number of his murdered wives, extremes of "overkill" and mutilation. Dismemberment will probably remain a mystery forever.

is almost routine in such cases, exemplified by Kearney's *See also* "BLUEBEARD"

"trash bag" murders in California and the simultaneous

"bag murders" committed by Paul Bateson in New York (which inspired the movie *Cruising*, with Al Pacino). On **HOMOSEXUALITY and Serial Murder**

balance, it seems fair to say that while homosexuals Long regarded as a sin or disease in Judeo-Christian sometimes fall prey to "gay bashing" violence by big-society, homosexuality and lesbianism are today widely oted "straights," they are more likely to be murdered by regarded (at least in liberal circles) as an alternate sexu-another homosexual than in a random hate crime.

ality, perhaps genetically ingrained, presumably beyond One myth dispelled by time and weight of evidence is the individual's conscious choice or control. Religious the presumption, common in the West as recently as **119**

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World War II, that male homosexuals are somehow soup. Administrators had no explanation for the inci-more likely to commit sadistic murders of women and dent, and rumors flourished of a "phantom" or a children. In fact, while some rare specimens like Ottis

"maniac" stalking the hospital corridors.

Toole kill indiscriminately, without regard to age, race, A preliminary hearing in the case of Susan Nelles or gender, gay killers overwhelmingly prefer same-sex opened on July 11, 1982, with prosecutors citing 16

victims, while most female victims of serial murder are other “carbon copy” murders in addition to the four killed by heterosexual men. Multiple murders of chil-already charged. Four months later, on May 21, the dren, meanwhile, are chiefly committed by pedophiles pending charges were unconditionally dismissed, the or parents (in which case mothers are predominant).

presiding judge describing Nelles as “an excellent *See also* PARAPHILIA; SEX CRIMES

nurse” with “an excellent record.” At the same time, he noted that five of the hospital deaths were apparently murders, committed by persons unknown.

HOSPITAL for Sick Children (Toronto)

Fresh out of suspects, the state launched its first judi-Between June 1980 and March 1981, the cardiac ward cial probe of the case on May 25, requesting assistance at Toronto’s Hospital for Sick Children experienced a from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control traumatic 616 percent leap in infant mortality, with the four months later. CDC’s report on 36 submitted cases number of actual deaths pegged between 21 and 43

called 18 deaths “suspicious,” with seven listed as babies in various police and media reports. The first probable homicides; another 10 cases were “consistent”

“suspicious” death was that of 18-day-old Laura with deliberate digoxin poisoning, but there was insuffi-Woodstock, lost on June 30, 1980. Two months later, cient evidence for a definitive conclusion.

after 20 deaths, a group of nurses on the ward voiced A new judicial inquiry was ordered on April 21, their concern to resident cardiologists, and a fruitless 1983, and Gary Murphy, six months old, died on the investigation was launched on September 5, in the inter-cardiac ward two days later, his passing notable for est of resolving “morale problems.”

“elevated digoxin levels” discovered in postmortem Still, the deaths continued, and on March 12, 1981, testing. Murphy’s death was excluded from the “offi-a staff physician aired his personal suspicions in a concial” list when hearings began on June 21, with testi-versation with Toronto’s coroner. An autopsy of the lat-mony pointing vaguely toward a different suspect on est victim, 27-day-old Kevin Garnett, found 13 times the staff. By February 1984, cardiac nurses were voicing the normal level of digoxin —a drug used to regulate suspicions against Phyllis Trayner, one reporting

that heart rhythm, itself fatal if taken in too large a dose. On she saw Trayner inject infant Allana Miller's IV bottle March 21, following more deaths and the discovery of with an unknown drug three hours before the baby died elevated digoxin levels in two more corpses, the coroner on March 21, 1981. Trayner flatly denied all charges of met with police and hospital administrators in an emer-impropriety, and the commission left her denials gency session. Members of the cardiac nursing team unchallenged, refusing to name a suspect in its January were placed on three days' leave while officers began to 1985 report. That document describes eight infant search their lockers and compare work schedules to the deaths as murders, while another 13 are listed as dates and times of suspicious deaths.

"highly suspicious" or merely "suspicious." Eighteen On March 22, with the locker searches under way, years down the road, a solution to the case is improba-another baby died on the cardiac ward at Sick Children.

ble at best.

Justin Cook is generally named as the last victim in a *See also* UNSOLVED MURDERS

bizarre string of slayings, his death attributed to a massive digoxin overdose, inflicted by persons unknown.

Three days later, police arrested nurse Susan Nelles on **HUANG Yong**

one count of murder, adding three identical charges to A native of China's Henan Province, born in 1974, the list on March 27. As "evidence" of her involvement Huang Yong fulfilled his mandatory army service within the crimes, officers referred to certain "odd" remarks out incident and then returned to farming at

and facial expressions mentioned by other nurses, not-Dahuangzhuang. Between September 2001 and Noveming that 24 of the suspicious deaths occurred on Nelles's ber 2003 he prowled neighboring towns, luring boys and shift, between 1:00 and 5:00 A.M.

young men away from Internet cafés and video arcades With Nelles on leave pending trial, bizarre events with phony job offers. Huang's favorite ruse involved a continued at the hospital. In September 1981, nurse nonexistent video game, "God Riding on a Wooden Phyllis Trayner found capsules of propanolol—another Horse," which he allegedly devised and planned to mar-heart regulator—in the salad she was eating for lunch, ket in the near future. Those who accepted invitations to and a second nurse

spooned more capsules out of her help Huang perfect the game were conveyed to his home **120**

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in Dahuangzhuang, then beaten and bound to a noodle-17, 18, or 23 corpses on Huang's property. A report rolling machine for marathon torture sessions before from China with the count of 23 states that 16

they were finally strangled.

corpses were unearthed behind Huang's house and Sixteen-year-old Zhang Liang swallowed Huang's seven were extracted from a grave beneath his bed.

line on November 7, 2003, and followed his new friend Yet another report says 18 bodies were found, but home. Over the next four days, Zhang was tortured that Huang confessed to 25 murders. In any case, incessantly and choked three times to the point of Huang was finally charged with 17 murders. He

unconsciousness while Huang told him, "I've already freely admitted to police that he stalked young men in killed 25. You are the 26th." On November 10, Zhang order to "experience the sensation of killing." Huang saved himself with a lie of his own. Pleading for mercy, was convicted on all counts at a three-hour trial on the youth promised to acknowledge Huang as his god-December 9, 2003. He was executed by a firing squad father and care for Huang in his old age. Huang not on December 26, but the case still had one more sur-only believed the preposterous story, but also gave prise in store.

Zhang money for his journey home. Zhang spent the On March 26, 2004, survivors of Huang's victims night with friends, then went home on November 11

found remains of another victim at Huang's home, and called police the following day. In a raid, Huang along with bloodstained kitchen knives that bore was arrested on November 12 and his home was exca-traces of human hair. Police followed up the report on vated for remains of the dead.

April 15 and found yet another corpse at the scene, Confusion surrounds the results of that search, officially describing the latest unknown dead as "vic-with various media reports claiming that police found tims 18 and 19."

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staunchly denies). The punch line of the federal profile In the 15 years from 1982 to 1997, 42 teenage girls and was direct and to the point —“Serial sexual offender: young women were kidnapped from small towns and Robert William Abel.”

suburbs along Interstate Highway 45 between Houston That profile alone was deemed sufficient to support a and Galveston, Texas. Many of those were later found search warrant, and police moved in, seeking— among dead, described by local authorities and FBI agents as other things— a cache of nude photos described by the victims of one or more serial killers prowling the SO

Abel’s wife. In fact, they *did* find photographs, some miles of wide- open highway. Despite the four-year focus 6,000 in all, of which precisely two depicted naked of police attention on a single suspect, no evidence has women, neither of them victims in the murder case. No been found to support an indictment, and by early evidence was found at Abel’s ranch connecting him 1998, it appeared that authorities had been mistaken in with any sort of criminal activity.

their choice of targets all along.

Frustrated in their search for clues, League City The most recent victim in the murder series was 17-police took the unusual step of naming Abel publicly as year-old Jessica Cain, last seen alive while performing a suspect in the I-45 murder case. He was “innocent with a local theater group one night in August 1997.

until proven guilty,” of course, but in the absence of Following the show, she left for home, driving alone alternate suspects, his life became a waking hell on down I-45, but she never reached her destination. Jes-earth, with death threats pouring in from neighbors and sica’s father found her pickup truck abandoned on the the relatives of sundry victims. One such, Tim Miller, shoulder of the highway, and her name was added to having lost his daughter Laura to the I-45 killer, the ever-growing victims list.

launched a personal crusade of daily “reminders” to By that time, police believed they knew the man Abel, including armed visits to his home and threats of responsible. Their suspect, Robert William Abel, was a murder recorded on Abel’s answering machine. League former NASA engineer and operator of a horseback rid-City’s finest, still convinced that Abel was their man, ing ranch near League City, in Brazoria County. Abel took no steps to prevent the harassment and stalled first came under suspicion in 1993, when

the corpses of when Abel volunteered to take a polygraph exam. In four missing girls were found in the desert near his fact, while League City's assistant police chief publicly property. FBI agents spent a grand total of two hours

"welcomed" Abel's cooperation in the case, said coop-with League City police, sketching a psychological pro-eration only made matters worse, since such behavior is file of the killer based on such traits as "intelligence common among serial killers.

level" and assumed proximity to the crime scene. Abel's It was early 1998 before Robert Abel got to take his ex-wife pitched in with tales of alleged domestic abuse long-sought polygraph, courtesy of the television show, ("externalized anger," in FBI parlance) and claims that 20/20. In fact, two tests were administered by a retired Abel sometimes beat his horses (a charge that he FBI agent, with Abel denying any knowledge of the four **122**

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victims found near his ranch in 1993. He hesitated in the name of Wisconsin's "Mad Biter"? Montreal's responding to one surprise question, dealing with

"Vampire Rapist"? The "Peeping Tom" gunman of

rumors of a young victim's drug use, and was rated Washington, D.C.?

"untruthful" in respect to that answer, but a second Unfortunately, the relief engendered by conviction of test, administered without trick questions, found him to a ruthless predator is often premature. In far too many be truthful on all counts. FBI agents in Houston called cases, disposition through a prison sentence—even life the 20/20 test "extremely significant," admitting that without parole—is anything but final. Random killers the four-year-old profile of Abel was "poor quality"

have a way of coming back to haunt society at large work on the part of their colleagues. In fact, they told beyond the scope of retrospective articles and tabloid the world, Robert Abel had been eliminated as a sus-TV broadcasts. All too often, they come back against pect in their eyes, and even Tim Miller appeared to all odds to kill again.

repent his harassment of Abel with a televised apology.

Serial killers, like "normal" felons, respond to con-Not so the lawmen in League City. Abel may indeed finement in various ways. As natural chameleons, be innocent, they say, but since they have no solid evi-skilled from childhood in the art of covering their dence to clear him by their own

exacting standards, tracks, some become model prisoners, following every Abel “is still swimming in the pool of suspects.” One is rule to the letter, working overtime to counsel and tempted to ask *what* pool, since vague local references encourage other inmates. Many “get religion” and are to “other suspects” always stop short of naming alter-

“born again,” as in the case of Charles (“Tex”) Watson, native candidates. Texas courts have barred Abel from a MANSON FAMILY alumnus who runs his own ministry filing a lawsuit to clear his name, ruling that League from behind prison walls, receiving regular donations City police are within their rights to publicize him as a from his flock.

suspect, even when the original FBI profile has been It may be argued (and persuasively) that random retracted.

killers mind the rules or “find the Lord” with self-The *real* I-45 Killer, meanwhile, remains unidentified serving motives in mind, striving to please their cap-and presumably still at large. Women added to the tally tors and influence future parole boards. Author Joel since the first edition of this work was published Norris, on the other hand, describes compliance with include: 39-year-old Jo Ann Sendejas, missing since authority as a serial killer’s natural reflex, induced by December 1999 from the San Leon home she shared imposition of an orderly environment and the removal with her sister (investigators are uncertain whether of those stimuli—drugs, alcohol, pornography, even Sendejas was abducted from the house or climbed out junk food—which contribute to erratic, aberrant her own bedroom window); 57-year-old Tot Tran Har-behavior. Whichever theory finally wins out, the fact riman, who vanished with her car while visiting rela-remains that many random killers never adapt to life tives in League City during July 2001; and 23-year-old in a cage, including 2 percent who wriggle out of cus-Sarah Trusty, who vanished while riding her bicycle tody by means of suicide. At the same time, another 2

through Texas City in July 2002. Two weeks later, fish-percent of America’s serial slayers continue to kill ermen pulled her corpse from a local canal.

behind bars, venting their rage on guards, fellow Texas prison inmate Mark Roland Stallings, serving inmates, even visitors. Another S percent have jail-489 years for aggravated assault and attempted escape, breaks on their records, and 71 percent of those who confessed two of the I-45 slayings in November 2001, escape commit one or more murders before

they are further implicating himself in the murders of four other run to ground.

women around Houston. At press time for this volume, Parole is unlikely (though not unknown) for notori-no further charges had been filed against Stallings, and ous serial killers, but a glance at the record reveals a his role in the killings (if any) remains uncertain.

frightening number who were paroled after their first slaying, sometimes having bargained murder charges down to a lesser offense, such as manslaughter or **INCARCERATION of Serial Killers**

aggravated assault. HENRY LUCAS was paroled 10 years Society tends to forget about criminals once they are after killing his mother, free to launch a nationwide convicted and sentenced to prison or death. Each new murder spree, and at least 30 other serial slayers have day brings banner headlines of a fresh atrocity, another been released to kill again in similar circumstances. The bogeyman to conjure waking nightmares. Last year's problem is worse with JUVENILE KILLERS, since most monster is a fading memory, except to his or her surviv-states demand release of youthful offenders at age 18 or ing victims, grisly details dusted off for special anniver-21, often with their criminal records sealed by court saries and sporadic parole hearings. Who, aside from a order, thus masking their proven potential for violence.

handful of aging detectives and crime buffs, remembers Such cases are the first cited by supporters of CAPITAL

"INDEPENDENCE Avenue Killer"

PUNISHMENT, who remind us that no killer to date has for "tricks" on Independence Avenue. If she was mur-returned from the grave to repeat his crimes.

dered, as authorities assume, her disappearance two *See also* INSANITY DEFENSE; TRIAL

days prior to Christy Fugate's would make her the killer's first known victim. Forty-year-old Jamie Pankey dropped out of sight on November 1, 1996,

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and the youngest suspected victim, 19-year-old Nicknamed for the street in Kansas City, Missouri, Cheresa Lordi, was last seen alive on February 24, where his female victims plied their trade as prostitutes, 1997. The case

was profiled on *America's Most* this unidentified serial slayer is blamed for 10 murders *Wanted* in spring 1998, but it remains unsolved at this and the disappearance of three other women since writing. Detectives are at a loss for clues and hope that October 1996. The victims found to date have all been their quarry makes a critical mistake and is identified pulled from the Missouri River, downstream from before he claims more lives.

Kansas City, suggesting to police that their bodies may have been dropped from various urban bridges. Thus far, aside from an assumption that the killer must be **INSANITY Defense Used by Serial Killers**

male, nothing is known that would identify a suspect in In any murder case, the first responsibility of prosecu-the case.

tors and defense attorneys is determination of the sus-The Independence Avenue Killer's first acknowledged pect's mental state. Our legal system makes allowances victim was 21-year-old Christy Fugate; last seen alive for individuals whose aberrant behavior is compelled on October 3, 1996, her corpse was pulled from the by mental illness, sparing them from punishment as river in neighboring Lafayette County, east of Kansas common criminals. The general public has been outCity, 12 days later. A month after that grim discovery, raged in recent years by cases like that of would-be on November 19, 20-year-old Connie Wallace-Byas presidential assassin John Hinckley, where verdicts of made her last appearance on the Independence Avenue

"not guilty by reason of insanity" spare defendants

"stroll"; the only black victim, she was missing five from execution or prison, instead consigning them to months before her body surfaced in Boone County, 90

mental institutions for an indefinite term. Surveys of miles to the east, in April 1997. Meanwhile, the killer public opinion reveal a consensus that many or most had claimed three more victims: 26-year-old Sherri Liv-accused felons try to "cop a plea" with bogus insanity ingston, vanished on February 14, dragged from the schemes, large numbers of them slipping through the water in Lafayette County on March 29; 41-year-old cracks and serving "easy time" before they are released Linda Custer, missing since February 27, found near once more into society.

Dover in Lafayette County on April 23; and 30-year-old In fact, statistics show that only one percent of all Chandra Helsel, last seen alive on April 5, hauled from American felony suspects plead insanity at trial,

and the river on May 8 near Booneville in Cooper County, barely one in three of those is finally acquitted. Serial some 70 miles to the east. Tammy Smith was four murders, with their bizarre trappings of sadism, months shy of her 31st birthday when she vanished necrophilia, and the like, seem ideally suited to insanity from Independence Avenue on December 20, 1997; her pleas, but even here the odds against acquittal are corpse was found in the river near Silby, Missouri, on extreme. Since 1900 in America, only 3.6 percent of April 2, 1998.

identified serial killers have been declared incompetent At this writing, police in Kansas City say that four for trial or cleared by reason of insanity.

more women's bodies have been found along the river Unfortunately, there is no firm definition of *insan-banks, all counted as probable victims of the Indepen-ity* in the United States, beyond the fact that it dence Avenue Killer. The dead were all alleged or con-remains a strictly legal term, divorced from any diag-victed prostitutes, similar in height and weight, all but nosis of specific mental illness. Nationwide, the 50

one of them Caucasian. Advanced decomposition and states are free to draft their own peculiar guidelines, submersion in the river's swiftly flowing depths have chasing abstract terminology around in circles while thus far wiped out any useful clues that might have the individual defendants—and their countless vic-helped identify the slayer, and police are mum on cause tims—are ignored.

of death.

One test of sanity, applied in 16 states, is the Besides the 10 acknowledged dead, investigators M'Naughten rule. Named for a paranoid schizophrenic fear that three missing women may also have fallen who murdered the British prime minister's secretary in prey to their local stalker. Alleged prostitute Connie 1843, this rule is widely favored on the basis of its sim-Williams, age 32, was last seen at her mother's home ple (some would say simplistic) definition of insanity.

in Kansas City, but police say she was known to strut According to M'Naughten

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To establish a defense on the ground of insanity, it must defendant convicted under this rule is sent directly to a be proved that at the time of committing of the act the mental institution, there confined until he or she is

party accused was laboring under such a defect of rea-deemed healthy enough to begin serving the appropri-son from disease of the mind as not to know the nature ate prison term. Some critics of this system have and quality of the act he was doing; or, if he did know, denounced it as an underhanded abolition of "insan-that he did not know what he was doing was wrong.

ity," exalting public pressure over human rights, first curing the insane, *then* punishing them for actions A few states supplemented M'Naughten with the so-beyond their control.

called irresistible impulse test established by British The controversy has not been resolved, by any

courts in 1840 and transplanted to America in 1886. As means, and while it rages, antiquated doctrines like explained by Justice Somerville of Alabama in an early M'Naughten will undoubtedly survive. A fearful public case: "The disease of insanity can so affect the power of should draw consolation from the fact that in this cen-the mind as to subvert the freedom of the will, and tury, less than 2 percent of all serial killers have been thereby destroy the power of the victim to choose deemed incompetent for trial (one of them an illiterate between right and wrong, though he perceives it." Pros-deaf mute, incapable of communicating with his ecutors often counter a plea of irresistible impulse with lawyer) and a comparably small number acquitted on hypothetical arguments of "the policeman at the grounds of insanity. At the same time, there *have* been elbow," seeking admissions that a given defendant real-life horror stories of insane killers "cured" and could, in fact, restrain himself at chosen times. Today, released to kill again—EDMUND KEMPER is a shocking the question is moot, with a 1984 federal statute abol-case in point—and public fears of such mistakes, while ishing tests for the fabled "irresistible impulse."

generally exaggerated, are not without basis in fact.

In 1954, a judgment from the District of Columbia *See also* CAPITAL PUNISHMENT; INCARCERATION; established the new Durham rule, sometimes called the

"MASK OF SANITY"; PARAPHILIA; TRIAL

"products test." In that decision, it was held that "An accused is not criminally responsible if his unlawful act was the product of mental disease or defect."

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Those terms, in turn, were vague enough to require In early January 1964, residents of Moscow whispered clarification through a second case in the same juris-warnings to their neighbors of a mysterious long-nosed diction, defining “mental disease or defect” as “any killer prowling the city, knocking on doors at random, abnormal condition which substantially affects mental and gaining entry to the homes of his victims by posing or emotional processes and substantially affects as a meter-reader for Moscow Gas. It seemed a nearly behavior controls.”

foolproof gimmick, since the men from Mosgas made Officially unrecognized outside the nation’s capital, their rounds each month and were unlikely to arouse Durham remained in effect until 1972, when the new suspicion.

Brawner rule—also dubbed the “substantial capacity In the absence of reliable reports, with widespread test”—was inaugurated by the same judge who wrote tales of women slain and children mutilated, paranoia the Durham decision. Adopted by several states as part took control. By midmonth the authorities reported of a Model Penal Code, the new rule provides that that at least two Mosgas workers had been violently assaulted on their rounds, roughed up by tenants who 1. A person is not responsible for criminal conduct if were not inclined to scrutinize credentials. It became a at the time of such conduct as a result of mental standing joke for friends to telephone each other, hang-disease or defect he lacks substantial capacity ing on the line in silence for a while before they whis-either to appreciate the criminality (wrongfulness) pered, “Mosgas calling.”

of his conduct or to conform in conduct to the On January 16, Moscow police announced the arrest requirement of the law.

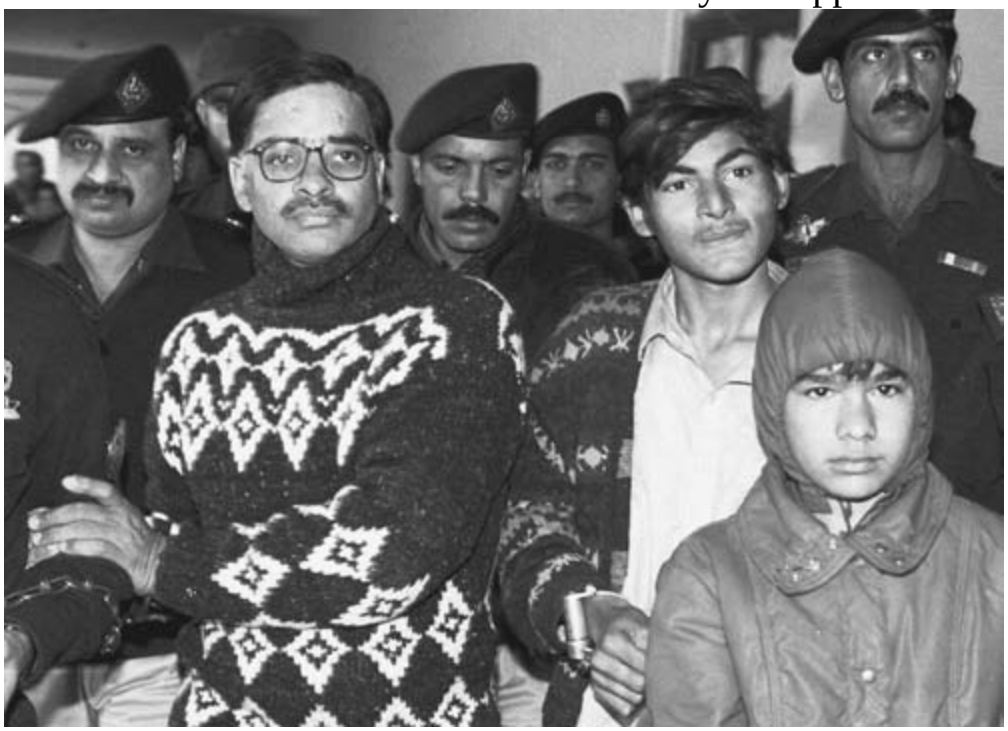
of a suspect in the case. Vladimir lonosyan, 26, was an 2. As used in this Article, the terms “mental disease unemployed actor fallen on hard times. He had turned or defect” do not include any abnormality mani-to burglary as a source of revenue, reportedly killing in fested only by repeated criminal or otherwise

the process. Charged with the ax murders of two boys antisocial conduct.

and a woman in downtown Moscow, Ionosyan was also linked with two similar killings in a suburban district.

Another modern guideline for insanity proceedings, Vladimir’s arrest resulted from a general police alert pioneered in Michigan in 1975 and

since adopted by to taxi drivers, circulating suspect sketches with instruc-seven other states, is the verdict of “guilty but men-tions to beware of anyone who looked suspicious. Offi-tally ill.” Specifics vary, but in most jurisdictions a cers were summoned after Ionosyan stopped a trucker **125**



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on the street and tried to sell a television set—a luxury of an unnamed “religious militant organization.” Fifty in Soviet society—at bargain prices.

persons were injured and 20 arrested on December 9, A three-day trial resulted in Ionosyan’s conviction on when police clashed with 300 marchers protesting the five counts of murder. Sentenced to death on January manhunt’s lack of progress.

31, 1964, he was shot by a firing squad the next day.

Public shock deepened on December 15, when

Vladimir’s female accomplice, former ballerina Alevtina reporters published excerpts from Iqbal’s diary, naming Dmitrieva, received a sentence of 15 years in prison.

23 persons as “accomplices in the crime.” Two of those named were police officers, who soon joined six others in jail. The diary explained that Iqbal’s 100 victims **IQBAL, Javed**

were slaughtered between June 20 and November 13, On December 2, 1999, police in Lahore, Pakistan, 1999, with the 40th killed on the day of

his mother's received a startling letter, dated November 22 and funeral. Iqbal wrote that some of his alleged accom-signed by one Javed Iqbal. The note included a confes-plices had "forced" him to murder their "rivals," but sion to the sexual abuse and murder of 100 boys, with that assertion clashed with his descriptions and photos directions to Iqbal's three-room rented home in a poor of underage victims. While Punjab lawmakers debated suburb, located 200 yards from the nearest police sta-a change in the criminal code, mandating police to reg-tion. Officers swarmed to the scene, where they found ister missing-child cases, detectives admitted that Iqbal the mutilated remains of three boys dissolving in a vat had visited CIA headquarters on November 27 to bail of acid. Twelve more drums contained chemical cock-out an alleged accomplice named Shahzad Sajid who tails with traces of human tissue. ("In terms of was detained on unrelated charges. On that date, expense," Iqbal wrote, "including the acid, it cost me agency spokesmen admitted, Iqbal's confession had 120 rupees [$2.40] to erase each victim.") Also found already been received by police and passed on to the inside the house were sacks of photographs and chil-CIA for evaluation. Sheer negligence had permitted dren's clothing, dozens of small shoes and board games, Iqbal's escape.

and a diary detailing Iqbal's gruesome activities.

Tired of the chase at last, Iqbal appeared on Decem-Detectives knew Iqbal as a 38-year-old chemical ber 30, 1999 at the office of *Jang*, an Urdu newspaper engineer and accused child molester, charged three in Lahore. Wearing a black mask to disguise his face, times with sodomy (but never convicted) in the years Iqbal surrendered to reporters and described a near-since 1990. Now, his letter threatened suicide while miss with police that afternoon, when officers had police offered a reward of 1 million rupees ($19,600) nabbed two more alleged accomplices in Sohawa.

for information leading to Iqbal's arrest. Meanwhile, Before detectives reached the *Jang* office, Iqbal told the parents of missing children flocked to view the clothes staff, "I could have killed 500; this was not a problem.

and photos seized from Iqbal's home. Relics of 69 boys Money was not a problem. But the pledge I had taken were identified by December 7, though the acid vat vic-was of 100 children, and I never wanted to violate this.

tims were burned beyond recognition. In a grim echo of DEAN ARNOLD CORLL's case from the 1970s, provincial governor Mohammed

Safdar accused police of ignoring missing-child reports throughout Lahore.

On December 6, 1999, authorities jailed two alleged friends of Iqbal, 19-year-old Zafar Ahmed and 15-year-old Muhammad Sabir. The youths allegedly confessed to raping and murdering 25 children, who were lured to Iqbal's home with promises of food, shelter, and videos.

Once there, the victims had been sexually assaulted, drugged, smothered with pillows, and dissolved in acid.

Suspect Ishaq Billa, accused by police of selling Iqbal the acid, died on December 7 when he fell from a second-story window of the Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) in Lahore. Detectives called it suicide, but four officers were charged with Billa's murder on December 12. Meanwhile, detectives held Iqbal's wife and daughter "to put pressure on the accused." They also Javed Iqbal (left) arrives at a court with two children in detained former councilor Malik Shaukat for question-Lahore, Pakistan, after turning himself in to police on ing, on grounds that he and Iqbal were both members January 6, 2000. (AP Photo/Khalid Chaudary)

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I have no regrets. I killed 100 children. I was denied jus-Azam named Iqbal as "the most heinous offender" in tice." Specifically, he claimed police had beaten him Pakistan's history. "He is a beast, not a man," Azam after one of his sodomy arrests, leaving him impotent.

proclaimed. Iqbal's diary, complete with photos of his

"I was so badly beaten that my head was crushed, my victims and handwritten details of their suffering, made backbone broken and I was left crippled," Iqbal said. "I telling evidence against him. He countered by inviting hate this world. My mother cried for me. I wanted 100

spectators to feel dents in his skull, allegedly inflicted by mothers to cry for their children." In seeking victims, police truncheons. "I am not a well man," he testified.

Iqbal explained, "I went for healthy, strong-looking

"My eyesight has been affected and my jawbone was boys, not frail kids." He had chosen *Jang*, Iqbal said, broken. I have problems walking." As for the crimes of because "The truth would not have seen the light of day which he stood accused, Iqbal said, "I was a witness to had I surrendered to the police." In conclusion, he the killings but I myself have done nothing. The mur-declared, "I know my fate. I am ready to face the

conse-ders were done in my house by 20 friends of mine. I quences of my actions."

only confessed because I wanted to bring them to the Making his first court appearance on January 6, attention of the authorities. I was broken inside and 2000, Iqbal told Magistrate Mian Hussain, "I am wanted to die. I felt guilty about what my friends had guilty, I again confess my crime against the nation and I done." On March 9, Iqbal changed his story yet again, am not afraid of death." Proclaiming himself "the telling the court that none of the missing boys had been nation's culprit," Iqbal declared that he would not slain.

retain a lawyer to defend him. Hussain postponed furThe vacillating statements failed to impress Judge ther hearings until January 13, granting police more Ranjha. On March 16 he convicted all four defendants time to build their case with a remark that "some of murder. Iqbal stood convicted of all 100 murders, progress has been made in the investigation." At the Sajib of 98, Nadeem of 13, and Sabir of three. A second January 13 hearing, Muhammad Sabir confessed to judge, Allah Baksh, sentenced Iqbal to "be strangled raping and strangling one boy in concert with Iqbal.

100 times at Minar-e-Pakistan [a Lahore landmark],"

Iqbal repeated his confession before Judge Allah Ranjha after which "his body should be cut in 100 pieces and on February 8, saying, "I have killed 100 children. I put in acid, as he did with his victims." Sajid received should be punished." Ranjha ordered a lawyer

an identical sentence, while the two condemned inmates appointed despite Iqbal's protests. Nine days later, the also received superfluous prison terms of 700 and 686

defendant changed his tune, pleading not guilty on all years, respectively. Defendants Nadeem and Sabir were charges and informing Judge Ranjha, "I have not com-spared, after a fashion, sentenced to respective prison mitted murders. I am not the culprit. I am not mad, terms of 253 and 63 years for their crimes.

though I am regarded as mad." Insisting that he was While Iqbal's eye-for-an-eye death sentence captured

"only a witness" to the slayings of certain children, international attention, it was hollow theater. Pakistan's Iqbal told the court, "I will expose those people who interior minister instantly challenged the verdict as are involved in this heinous crime."

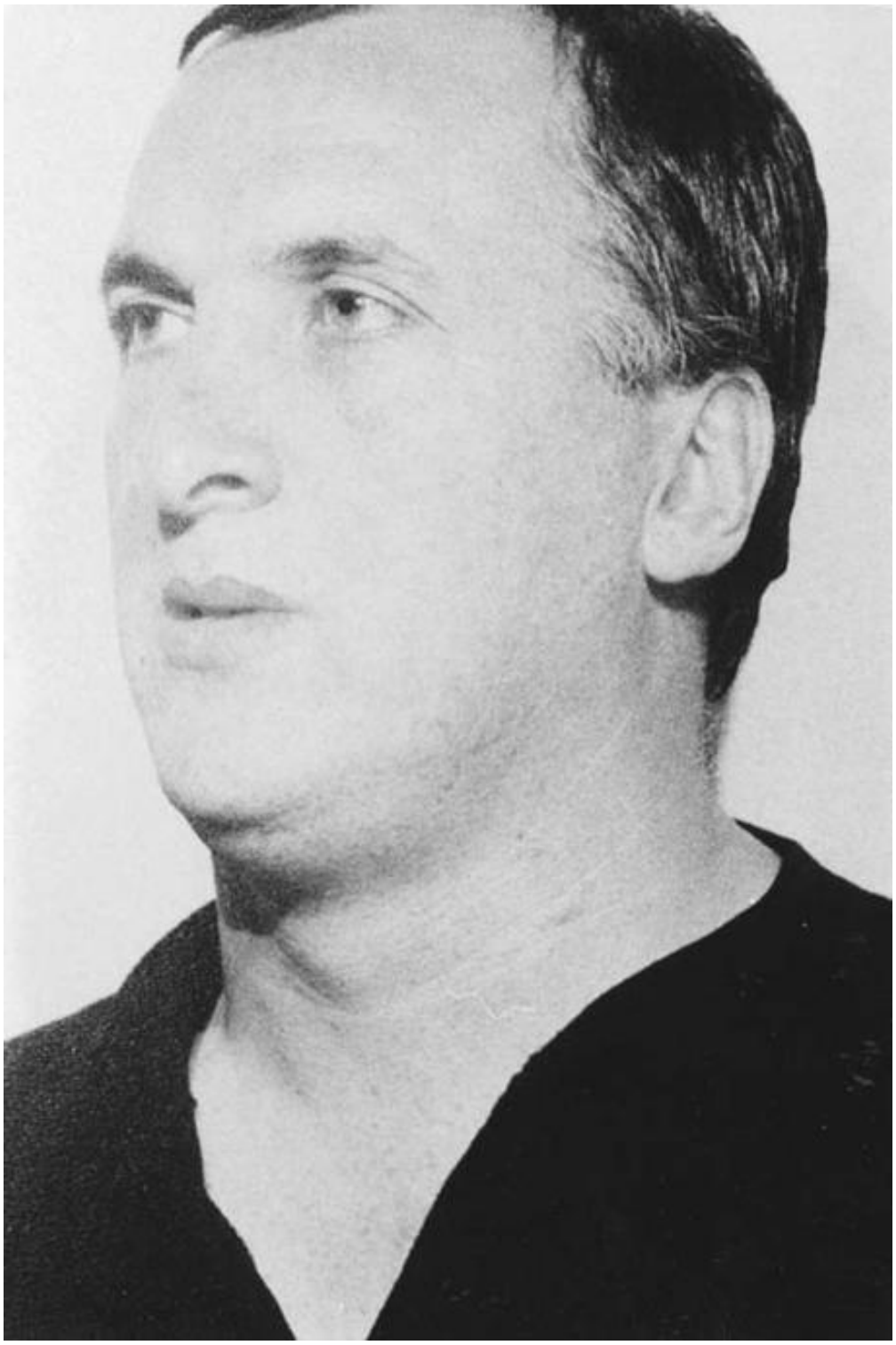
“barbaric,” while human rights activists noted that few That plea failed to prevent Iqbal’s formal indict-condemned prisoners are actually executed in Pakistan.

ment (with Sabir and two other defendants, Shahzad

“Police inconsistencies” overturned most death sen-Sajid and a 15-year-old named Nadeem) on February tences on appeal, and execution was commonly waived 17, 2000, but the court tightened jailhouse security for defendants convicted of religious homicides. Iqbal after Iqbal complained of attempts on his life. Some-appealed his verdict on March 22, and Pakistan’s one had tried to poison him, he said: “I could smell it Islamic Council rejected the court-ordered mode of exe-in my food and in my drink.” The 100-page indict-cution five days later, deeming it contrary to the tenets ment accused all four defendants of kidnapping, of Islam.

sodomizing and murdering 100 boys, dissolving their On October 8, 2001, authorities announced that corpses in acid. Defense attorney Aftab Bajwa sought Iqbal and Shahzad Sajid had been found dead in sepa-transfer of the case to a special anti-terrorist court, but rate cells at the Kot Lakhpat jail. Guards described both his petition was rejected. From jail, Iqbal told deaths as suicides, but reports conflicted as to whether reporters that his initial sodomy arrests were frame-the men were hanged or had died from ingesting “some ups, stemming from his research on a magazine article poisonous substance.” Newspapers termed the deaths on “fake police encounters.”

“mysterious,” reporting that “circumstantial evidence Iqbal’s trial began on February 18, with prosecution and the condition of the two bodies belied the official witnesses including parents of missing children and claim.” Mindful of the murder charges filed in Ishaq merchants who sold acid to defendant Sajid on various Billa’s “suicide,” jail superintendent Mian Farooq told occasions. On February 28, special prosecutor Berhan the press, “We are investigating the matter and nothing



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has so far been ascertained." Another prison official, Abdussattar Ajiz, compounded the mystery by claiming that a guard, Iftikar Husain, found the two men hanging in their cells but failed to report it. Instead, he allegedly

“untied the knots of the bed sheets, laid the bodies on the floor to create the impression that they were asleep. He did so to save his own skin.” Both corpses were dispatched to the city morgue for autopsies, which reportedly found signs that Iqbal and Sajid had been beaten prior to death. Officially, both deaths were classified as suicide.

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Known in the tabloid press as London’s “Gay Slayer,”

Colin Ireland was a serial murder “WANNA-BE” who made the leap from morbid daydreams to multiple murder as a conscious, deliberate choice of lifestyle. While his final body count lagged far behind those of prolific British slayers BRUCE LEE, DENNIS NILSEN, and PETER

SUTCLIFFE, Ireland still deserves mention here for the sheer determination he displayed in pursuing his lethal

“career” choice.

Born in 1954, the illegitimate child of a news agent’s assistant, Ireland was raised by his mother and maternal grandparents in Dartford, Kent. He would recall himself in childhood as “a thin, lanky little runt, always getting the worst of it” from schoolyard bullies. By adolescence, Ireland was constantly in trouble of his own making, logging convictions for theft, burglary, and blackmail while still in his teens. He served two terms in Borstal reformatory, after which he was rejected in a bid to join the Colin Ireland (Author’s collection)

French Foreign Legion. No longer a runt at six feet two, Ireland had developed a taste for paramilitary garb and survivalist training, frequently camping out on the Essex crime scene, Ireland left the body with knotted con-moors. Twice married and divorced, he volunteered to doms jammed into the mouth and nostrils and two manage a homeless shelter in London, but an explosive teddy bears arranged on the bed in a sex position.

temper cost him the job in December 1992. A colleague Walker’s body was still undiscovered two days later, at the shelter recalled that Colin was “troubled, frus-on March 5, 1993, when Ireland telephoned a London trated, and didn’t know what to do with his life.”

tabloid newspaper, the *Sun*, to say he was concerned The answer, as Ireland divined it, was serial murder.

about the dead man’s dogs, left unattended in the flat.

He selected gay sadomasochists as his preferred vic-He also said, “It was my New Year’s resolution to mur-tims on the theory that they would be

easy targets, der a human being.”

freely submitting to bondage at a stranger’s hands. (In Police had no evidence of any substance, and their Ireland’s view they were also less likely to arouse public manhunt was further hampered by a March 6 judicial sympathy.) Filling a knapsack with his murder gear—

ruling that acts of sadomasochistic sex were illegal for rope, gloves, a knife, a change of clothing (in case his consenting British adults. Potential victims were thus got bloody)—Ireland found his first victim, 45-year-old extremely reluctant to cooperate with authorities, and theater director/choreographer Peter Walker, at a Lon-autopsy results were inconclusive as to whether don gay bar called The Coleherne. Invited back to Walker’s death had been deliberate or accidental. On Walker’s flat, Ireland tied Walker to his bed, beat and balance, police knew little more than that the dead man whipped him, then killed him. (Reports differ on was HIV-positive.

whether Walker was strangled or suffocated with a In late May, Ireland returned to The Coleherne and plastic bag.) Lingering to watch TV and tidy up the picked up 37-year-old librarian Christopher Dunn.

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Dunn’s body, bound and gagged, nude but for a leather mouth, the cat’s mouth fastened on Collier’s penis. Both bondage harness, was found at his northeast London the tail and the penis were fitted with latex condoms.

home on May 30, police recording his death as a proba-This time, while he was cleaning up the crime scene, Ire-ble accident. No link was made to Walker’s death, three land missed one fingerprint, found by police on a win-months earlier. The “accident” theory took a hit soon dow frame.

after Dunn’s death when cash was removed from his On June 15, Ireland met Emanuel Spiteri, a 41-year-bank account, the thief using Dunn’s ATM card. A few old Maltese chef, and went back to Spiteri’s southeast days later, police received an anonymous call from London flat for sex. Once there, he bound and stran-Dunn’s killer, taunting them for their failure to link the gled his victim, then spent the night watching television, two crimes.

eating Spiteri’s food. Ireland set fire to the apartment On June 7, authorities found the corpse of 35-year-before he left, but the flames went out after causing old Perry Bradley III, an American businessman and only

minor damage. Police were unaware of the crime closet homosexual, in his Kensington apartment. Once when he telephoned them next day, asking, “Have you again, the victim was naked and bound, apparently found the body in southeast London yet, and the fire?”

strangled, his credit cards missing. A plastic doll was By that time, authorities were finally prepared to left atop the body, posed to simulate a sex act. When admit they had a serial killer at large in London. Before the killer telephoned police again days later, he told they could make the announcement, though, their them, “I did the American. You’ve got some good leads quarry telephoned again. “I have read a lot of books on on my identity from clues at the scene.” Detectives were serial killers,” he said. “I think it is from four people inclined to disagree, but they worried more about the that the FBI classify as serial, so I may stop now I have anonymous caller’s stated desire to become a serial done five. I just wanted to see if it could be done. I will killer. He had studied “the FBI manual” for details of probably never reoffend again.”

technique and the minimum required body count. “I Ireland was half-right: the “FBI manual” actually have got the book,” he said. “I know how many you specified *three* victims for a bona fide serial killer, but he have to do.”

had claimed his last victim. Spiteri’s killing prompted Mention of “the FBI manual” prompted transat-Scotland Yard to launch a mass-publicity campaign, lantic phone calls to ex-FBI Agent ROBERT RESSLER, including televised pleas for the killer to give himself coauthor of the textbooks *Sexual Homicide* (1988) and up. Detectives learned that Spiteri had traveled by train the FBI *Crime Classification Manual* (1992), as well as with another man to Catford on the night he was killed, a recent memoir of his own career PROFILING serial and a British Rail security camera yielded blurry photos killers for the Bureau’s Behavioral Science Unit. (For the of the victim with an unidentified heavyset man. The record, none of Ressler’s books were ever found in Ire-photos were published, and several London gays land’s possession, though all of them were readily avail-reported meetings with a man matching the suspect’s able through public libraries and bookstores.) Ressler description.

cooperated with Scotland Yard on a profile of the elu-On July 19, 1993, Ireland approached his solicitor, sive Gay Slayer, but as usual, police would

need a lucky admitting that he was the man in the photo, claiming break to place their man in custody.

that Spiteri was alive at his home with another uniden-By the time Perry Bradley’s corpse was found, Ire-tified man when they parted company. Police soon land later told authorities, he realized that he was losing matched his fingerprint to the Collier crime scene, but control. “I was reaching a point where I was just accel-Ireland hung tough until August 19 when he finally erating,” he said. “It was just speeding up, getting far

“crumbled,” in the words of one investigator, and con-worse. It was just like a roller-coaster effect.” His next fessed to all five homicides. On December 20, after anonymous call to police was almost a plea for detec-pleading guilty on all counts, he was sentenced to five tives to catch him. “Are you still interested in the death terms of life imprisonment. The judge who sentenced of Peter Walker?” he asked. “Why have you stopped him declared, “To take one human life is an outrage; to the investigation? Doesn’t the death of a homosexual take five is carnage. In my view, it is absolutely clear man mean anything? I will do another. I have always you should never be released.”

dreamed of doing the perfect murder.”

But Ireland was not finished killing yet—at least, if A few hours later, still on June 7, Ireland was back at rumors emanating from Wakefield Prison, Yorkshire, The Coleherne, picking up 33-year-old Andrew Collier.

are accurate. The stories—officially unconfirmed at this Upon returning to the victim’s flat, Ireland handcuffed writing—claim that Ireland strangled his cellmate, a and tied him to the bed, then strangled Collier. He also convicted child-killer, but no charges were filed against choked the life from Collier’s cat, arranging its carcass him, since he was already serving life without parole atop Collier’s corpse with the tip of its tail in Collier’s and no harsher penalty is available under British law.

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Two weeks after the reported killing, Ireland was trans-of a suspect surfaced in the city’s 17 taxi garages, enlist-ferred to maximum-security lodgings at Whitemoor ing cab drivers as lookouts in the search.

Prison, Cambridgeshire, where he is presumably kept By October 21, police confirmed that they were under closer watch, with a private cell of his own.

searching for the killer of “a woman.” Inside sources put the body count at seven, with the latest murder five days earlier. An eighth intended victim had survived her

“IVAN the Ripper”

wounds, providing homicide investigators with the like-In 1974, a decade after VLADIMIR IONOSYAN sparked a ness reproduced in suspect sketches. Five days later, on local panic with the “Mosgas” murders, residents of October 26, authorities reported they were holding a Moscow circulated rumors of another homicidal

suspect in a series of stabbings who had killed at least maniac at large. According to reports, the slayer was a 11 Moscow women. The unnamed prisoner had been fair-haired, handsome young man, armed with a cob- arrested on the evening of October 24, after three vic-bler’s bodkin or similar instrument, who trailed his tims were slain in a period of 24 hours.

female victims from the city’s ornate subway stations, Police maintained their news blackout as the suspect stabbing them to death in nearby streets and alleys.

was shuffled off for psychiatric evaluation, and the dis-Manhunting is doubly difficult in a society that position of the case remains unknown, but this time admits no crime problem, but Moscow police indirectly the official silence backfired. On the streets, a popula-confirmed at least some of the reports. By October 19, tion starved for solid news fell back on rumor, doubt-extra police and militia patrols were at large, their ing that the slayer had been captured. “They caught activity officially explained as preparation for the one, but there is a second killer,” one woman confided annual celebration of the Bolshevik revolution on to a Western journalist. “They still have not caught the November 7. At the same time, posters bearing sketches main one.”

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Neither crime had anything in common with the death Arguably the world’s most infamous serial killer, Victo-of Mary Nichols, and detectives had to wait for further rian London’s unidentified slasher of prostitutes slayings to reveal a pattern.

remains an object of study—some say obsession—for On September 8, the police found their link with the thousands of students today. If we may

trust the faceless discovery of Annie Chapman's corpse a half mile from experts on *Jeopardy,* more books, plays, articles, and Buck's Row. The victim, yet another prostitute, had first movie scripts have been written about Red Jack than been choked unconscious, after which her throat was about any other murderer in history, except Adolf cut and she was disemboweled. Her entrails had been Hitler. At that, Der Führer had to kill some 20 million torn away and draped across one shoulder; portions of people just to break the tie, while Jack the Ripper the bladder and vagina, with the uterus and ovaries, slaughtered only five. Still, his (or her) identity remains were missing from the scene. *The Lancet* quoted Dr.

an active topic of debate, with new works on the sub-Bagster Phillips, medical examiner, on the proficiency of ject published every year.

Chapman's killer. "Obviously," Dr. Phillips said, "the Because he got away.

work was that of an expert—or one, at least, who had The mystery of Jack the Ripper opens on August 31, such knowledge of anatomical or pathological exami-1888, with the discovery of a woman's lifeless body on nations as to be enabled to secure the pelvic organs with Buck's Row, in the heart of London's Whitechapel slum.

one sweep of the knife."

The victim was Mary Nichols, known as Polly to her The first of several friends, and she had earned her meager letters allegedly penned (in red living as a pros-ink) by the killer was written on September 25 and titute before a presumed final client showed a taste for mailed three days later, addressed to London's Central blood. Her throat was slashed, with bruises found News Agency. It read:

beneath the jaw suggesting that she had been punched *Dear Boss,*

or choked unconscious before the killer plied his blade.

Upon undressing Polly at the morgue, the medical *I keep on hearing the police have caught me but they* examiner found deep postmortem slashes on her

won't fix me just yet. I have laughed when they look so abdomen, with stab wounds to the genitals.

clever and talk about being on the right track. That joke The murder of an East End prostitute was nothing *about [unnamed suspect] Leather Apron gave me real* new to Scotland Yard. Detectives had two other cases *fits. I am down on whores and shan't quit ripping them* on the books for 1888

already. Emma Smith had been *till I do get buckled. Grand work the last job was. I* attacked on April 2, by a gang of four or five assailants, *gave the lady no time to squeal. How can they catch me* living long enough to describe her killers. Martha *now. I love my work and want to start again. You will* Tabram was found in Whitechapel on August 7,

soon hear of me and my funny little games. I saved stabbed 39 times with a weapon resembling a bayonet.

some of the proper red stuff in a ginger beer bottle over **131**

25. Sept. 1888.

Dear Boss.

I keep on hearing the police have caught me but they wont fix me just yet. I have laughed when they look so clever and talk about being on the right track. That joke about Leather Apron gave me real fits. I am down on whores and I shant quit ripping them till I do get buckled. Grand work the last job was. I gave the lady no time to squeal. How can they catch me? I love my work and want to start again. You will soon hear of me with my funny little games. I saved some of the proper red stuff in a ginger beer bottle over the last job to write with but it went thick like glue and I cant use it. Red ink is fit enough I hope ha. ha. The next job I do I shall clip the ladys ears off and send to the police officers just for jolly wouldnt you. Keep this letter back till I do a bit more work, then give it out straight. My knife's so nice and sharp I want to get to work right away if I get a chance. Good luck.

Yours truly

Jack the Ripper

Dont mind me giving the trade name

“JACK the Ripper”

the last job to write with but it went thick like glue and I can’t use it. Red ink is fit enough I hope ha ha. *The next job I do I shall clip the lady’s ears off and send to the police officers just for jolly wouldn’t you. Keep this letter back till I do a bit more work, then give it out straight. My knife is nice and sharp I want to get to work right away if I get the chance. Good luck.*

Yours truly,

Jack the Ripper

Don’t mind me giving the trade name. Wasn’t good enough to post this before I got all the red ink off my hands curse it. They say I am a doctor now ha ha.

The Ripper claimed two more victims on September 30. The first, Elizabeth Stride, was found in a narrow court off Berner Street at 1:00 A.M. Her throat was slashed, but there had been no other mutilation, indicating that her killer was disturbed before he could complete his grisly task. Three-quarters of an hour later, Catherine Eddowes was found by a constable in Mitre Square. According to the officer, she had been gutted “like a pig in the market,” with her entrails

“flung in a heap about her neck.” The murderer (or someone else) had chalked a cryptic message on a nearby wall: “The Juwes are not the men that will be blamed for nothing.”

Medical examination of the corpse from Mitre

Square revealed that Eddowes had been slashed across the face, her throat was cut, and she was disemboweled.

The killer had removed a kidney, which was not recovered at the scene. One final bit of evidence, a superficial wound beneath one ear, suggested that the killer had attempted to fulfill his promise of a trophy for police.

That morning, while police were scouring the streets of Whitechapel, someone mailed another message to the Central News Agency.

Letter written by “Jack the Ripper” to the Central News *I was not codding dear old Boss when I gave you the* office in London (Wide World API)

tip. You’ll hear about Saucy Jack’s work tomorrow.

Double event this time. Number one squealed a bit.

Couldn’t finish straight off. Had no time to get ears for very nise I may send you the bloody knif that took it police. Thanks for keeping last letter

back till I got to out if you only wait a whil longer

work again.

[signed] Catch me when you can Mister Lusk Jack the Ripper

Examining the partial kidney that accompanied the A third communication was mailed on October 16 to letter, Dr. Openshaw, pathological curator of the Lon-George Lusk, head of the newly organized Whitechapel don Hospital Museum, pronounced it “ginny,” of the Vigilance Committee. It read:

sort expected from an alcoholic. It showed symptoms of *From hell*

Bright’s disease, as (allegedly) did the kidney left to Catherine Eddowes by her killer. Dr. Openshaw also *Mr. Lusk*

noted that the renal artery is normally three inches *Sir I send you half the Kidne I took from one woman* long: two inches had remained with Eddowes; one inch *prasarved it for you tother piece I fried and ate was* was attached to the repulsive trophy sent to Lusk.

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(Another pathologist, Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, reported record, of his guilt in two sadistic murders, some inves-that Eddowes’s remaining kidney was perfectly healthy; tigators treated Sadler as a suspect in the Ripper crimes, he believed the kidney sent to Lusk was a prank by but he was never charged.

medical students.)

Suspects abound in this intriguing case, with anyone London’s panic had begun to fade by Halloween, but and everyone fair game for one dramatic theory or Jack the Ripper was not finished yet. Police were sum-another. In the absence of conclusive evidence (no fin-moned on the morning of November 9 to Miller’s gerprints, no witness to the crimes, no DNA), the list of Court in Spitalfields to view the sad remains of Mary suspects grows with every passing year. Those on record Kelly, former prostitute. Discovered by her landlord’s to date include:

errand boy, inquiring after tardy rent, she was the only victim killed indoors, Jack taking full advantage of the *Montague John Druitt* (1857–88), a London barris-opportunity to sculpt a grisly piece of butcher’s art.

ter first on Macnaghten’s suspect list, whose body, As usual, the victim had been murdered with a slash weighted with stones in an apparent

suicide, was across the throat, this time so deep that she was nearly dredged from the Thames on December 1, 1888.

decapitated. Jack had skinned her forehead, slicing off Macnaghten wrote that “From private informa-her nose and ears. Her left arm had been nearly severed tion I have little doubt but that his own family at the shoulder, while both legs were flayed from thighs suspected this man of being the Whitechapel mur-to ankles. Kelly had been disemboweled, one hand derer.” An alternative theory paints Druitt as both inserted in her gaping abdomen, her liver draped across killer and victim, murdered by affluent Oxford one thigh. Her severed breasts lay on the nightstand associates to avert potential scandal.

with her kidneys, heart, and nose. Police found strips of PROBLEMS: Macnaghten misidentifies Druitt

flesh suspended from the nails of picture frames, and as a 41-year-old doctor; no evidence links Druitt blood was spattered on the walls. Examination showed to the crimes; his apparent suicide note does not that she was three months pregnant, but her killer mention the murders.

claimed the uterus and fetus for himself.

Aaron Kosminski (1864/65–1919), a Polish Jew So closed the Ripper’s reign of terror as it began, in employed in London as a hairdresser, the second mystery . . . or, did it? The private papers of Sir Melville of Macnaghten’s three suspects, allegedly driven Macnaghten, former chief of CID for Scotland Yard, insane by masturbation, confined to a lunatic asy-named three prime suspects, while insisting that the lum in 1891.

Ripper “had *five* victims and five only.” However, other PROBLEMS: No evident link to the murders;

students of the case are not so sure. A number of them no proven Ripper crimes between November 1888

reckon two more victims in the tally, thus raising the and February 1891 while he was still at large.

body count and expanding the Ripper’s career from 10

Michael Ostrog (born c. 1833), the third official sus-weeks to three years.

pect, described by Macnaghten as “a mad Russian Prostitute Alice Mackenzie, found dead on July 17, doctor & a convict & unquestionably a homicidal 1889, is the first “extra” victim normally ascribed to maniac.” A known thief and con man, paroled

Jack. With her throat slashed and familiar gashes to her from his last prison term in 1904, he thereafter abdomen, Mackenzie seemed a likely new addition to vanished from the public record.

the Ripper's list. One medical examiner, Dr. Thomas PROBLEMS: Ostrog was not a doctor (though

Bond, openly credited Jack with the crime, while Dr.

he sometimes posed as one); no evidence connects Bagster Phillips disagreed. (Dr. Phillips also thought two him to the murders.

separate killers were responsible for the established Rip-

"Jill the Ripper" —Nickname for an unknown per crimes in 1888). While hesitating to connect female suspect, allegedly an abortionist concealing Mackenzie's murder to the Ripper, Phillips *did* believe it her crimes with mutilation, proposed in 1888.

was related to a second crime, discovered nearly two PROBLEM: No real-life candidate identified.

years later.

Severin Antoniovitch Klosovksi (1865–1903), aka On February 13, 1891, a prostitute named Frances

"George Chapman," a Polish barber-surgeon and

Cole was found in Spitalfields, throat slashed, her resident of Whitechapel in 1888; poisoned three abdomen ripped open. Merchant seaman James Sadler common-law wives after 1895 and was hanged for was arrested for the homicide and several times the third offense. At his arrest, Inspector Frederick remanded prior to his release for lack of evidence. An Abberline supposedly remarked, "So you've

alcoholic prone to violent rages, Sadler had been seen in caught Jack the Ripper at last!"

Whitechapel the day Mackenzie died and shipped out PROBLEMS: No evidential link to the crimes;

to the Baltic two days later. Satisfied, albeit off the sadistic slashers rarely (if ever) switch to poisoning.

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"JACK the Ripper"

Dr. Thomas Neill Cream (1850–92), poisoner of Gull was partially paralyzed by the first of several four Lambeth prostitutes in 1891–92; supposedly strokes in 1887; prevailing law would have

cried, "I am Jack the—" when he was hanged.

annulled the alleged marriage; subsequent research PROBLEM: Cream was imprisoned in Illinois

indicates the woman in question was not Catholic.

at the time of the murders.

Walter Richard Sickert (1860–1942), a major British *Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward* (1864–92), artist, described in various theories since 1976 as the Duke of Clarence and Heir Presumptive to the either the lone Ripper or a participant in Dr. Gull's throne of England, first named as a Ripper suspect Masonic plot. One graphologist claimed (in 1993) in 1962. Most "Royal Ripper" theories describe that the Ripper's "Dear Boss" note was written in the prince as a woman-hating homosexual, driven Sickert's disguised handwriting. Novelist Patricia mad by syphilis, whose deer-hunting experience Cornwell revived the Sickert case in 2002

taught him to gut corpses.

(strangely omitting any mention of authors who PROBLEMS: No evident links to the murders;

plowed the same ground before her) and report-

no proof of syphilis; official records place him far edly spent $4 million pursuing her suspect. DNA from London on the dates of all five murders; gay testing of various "Ripper" letters proved fruitless, serial killers typically seek same-sex victims.

and the "case closed" verdict ultimately rests on *James Kenneth Stephen* (1859–92), a tutor (some amateur psychoanalysis of Sickert's paintings.

say gay lover) of Prince Albert Victor, first pub-PROBLEM: No proven link to the murders.

licly named as a Ripper suspect in 1972.

Robert Donston Stephenson (b. 1841), aka "Dr.

Allegedly suspected by Inspector Abberline

Roslyn D'Onston," first named as a Ripper sus-

(based on a diary, possibly forged, that surfaced pect in 1987. Stephenson allegedly committed the in 1988), Stephen supposedly hated women in

murders as part of a black magic ritual.

general and prostitutes in particular. Some stu-PROBLEM: No evident link to the crimes.

dents of the case regard his handwriting as simi-James Maybrick (1838–89), a Liverpool cotton bro-lar (or identical) to that of several

“Ripper”

ker, allegedly the author of the “Ripper diary”

notes.

published amidst great controversy in 1993.

PROBLEMS: No evident links to the crimes (or

PROBLEMS: No evidence besides the “diary”

to a homosexual affair with the prince); many

connects him to the crimes; several analysts brand

“Ripperologists” believe *all* correspondence from the “Ripper diary” a forgery dating from the

the killer was a hoax, authored by newsmen or

1920s.

cranks.

Dr. Francis Tumblety (1833?–1903), an Irish-Ameri-Prince Albert Victor and *James Stephen,* named as can “herb doctor” arrested in London on Novem-TEAM KILLERS by Dr. David Abrahamson in *Murber 7, 1888, on multiple counts of assault (against der and Madness (1992).*

four men) dating back to July; released on bail, he PROBLEMS: Same as above for both suspects;

fled to America before trial. Obituaries named numerous historical errors; Scotland Yard denies him as a Ripper suspect, but the case against him Abrahamson’s claim that he based his theory on was first publicized in 1995.

information from police files.

PROBLEMS: No proven link to the crimes; dif-

Dr. Alexander Pedachenko (1857?–1908?), Russian fered greatly in appearance from alleged descrip-doctor who emigrated to Britain, alleged (in 1928) tions of the Ripper.

to have committed the murders in connivance

Joseph Barnett (1858–1926), a London fish porter with the Czarist secret police “to discredit the who lived with Mary Kelly until two weeks before Metropolitan Police.”

her death, first named as a suspect in 1995.

PROBLEMS: Dubious sources; no evident link

PROBLEMS: Cleared by police in 1888; no

to the crimes.

proven link to the murders.

Sir William Gull (1816–90), physician in ordinary to James Kelly (d. 1929), a London resident confined to Queen Victoria who treated Prince Albert Victor an asylum after killing his wife in 1883; he

for typhus in 1871, first linked to the Ripper case escaped in January 1888 and remained at large

in 1970. Gull is accused of leading a conspiracy to until his voluntary surrender in February 1927.

silence those with knowledge of Prince Albert Vic-Deceased two years later, he was first named as a tor's illegal marriage to a Catholic commoner, suspect in 1986.

mutilating the victims in accordance with

PROBLEMS: No proven link to the murders;

Masonic ritual.

no explanation for their brief duration, while PROBLEMS: No evident link to the crimes;

Kelly remained at large for another 39 years.

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“JACK the Stripper”

Rev. John George Gibson (?–?), a Canadian preacher she died. Suspect Kenneth Archibald confessed to the who left his Scottish parish in 1887, whose where-murder later that month, then recanted his statement, abouts are unknown until he surfaced in the

blaming depression. He was subsequently cleared at United States in December 1888. In 1992, author trial.

Robert Graysmith named Gibson as the Ripper

Helen Barthelemy, age 20, was the first victim found and as the slayer of two women murdered at Gib-away from the river. On April 24, her naked body was son’s San Francisco church in April 1895.

discovered near a sports field in Brentwood, four front WILLIAM HENRY THEODORE DURRANT was con-teeth missing, with part of one lodged in her throat.

victed of the latter crimes and hanged in April Traces of multicolored spray paint on the body sug-1897, in what Graysmith calls a miscarriage of gested that she had been kept for a while after death in justice.

a paint shop before she was dumped in the field.

PROBLEMS: No evidence links "Pastor Jack"

On July 14, 21-year-old Mary Fleming was dis-

to any of the London murders, and Graysmith's

carded, nude and lifeless, on a dead-end London street.

resort to fiction (including a fabricated "diary"

Witnesses glimpsed a van and its driver near the scene, from Durrant) weakens his case in the California but none could finally describe the man or vehicle with slayings.

any certainty. Missing since July 11, Fleming had apparently been suffocated or choked to death—as opposed to strangled—and her dentures were missing

"JACK the Stripper"

from the scene.

Seventy years after "JACK THE RIPPER" murdered and Margaret McGowan, 21, had been missing a month disemboweled prostitutes in London's East End, a new when her nude corpse was found in Kensington on generation of hookers learned to live with the ever-pre-November 25, 1964. Police noted the familiar traces of sent fear of a lurking killer. This "Jack" carried no knife paint on her skin, and one of her teeth had been forced and penned no jaunty letters to the press, but he was from its socket in front. The last to die was 27-year-old every bit as lethal (claiming eight victims to the Ripper's Bridget O'Hara, last seen alive on January 11, 1965, five) and possessed of far greater longevity (operating her body found on February 16 hidden in some shrub-over nearly six years, compared to the Ripper's 10

bery on the Heron Trading Estate in Acton. Her front weeks). At the "conclusion" of the case, both slayers teeth were missing, and pathologists determined that shared a common attribute: despite a wealth of theories and assertions, neither "Jack" was ever captured or identified.

On June 17, 1959, prostitute Elizabeth Figg, 21, was found floating in the Thames, clad only in a slip, her death attributed to strangulation. Four and a half years passed before discovery of the next murder, with the skeleton of 22-year-old Gwynneth Rees unearthed during clearance of a Thames-side rubbish dump, on November 8, 1963. The cause of death was difficult to ascertain, and homicide investigators later tried to disconnect both murders from the "Stripper" series, but today the better evidence suggests that these were practice runs, the early crimes committed by a killer who had yet to hit his stride.

Thirty-year-old Hannah Tailford was the next to die, her naked corpse discovered in the Thames by boatmen on February 2, 1964. Her stockings were pulled down around her ankles, panties stuffed inside her mouth, but she had drowned, and the inquest produced an "open"

verdict, refusing to rule out suicide, however improbable it seemed.

On April 9, 1964, 20-year-old Irene Lockwood was found naked and dead in the Thames, floating 300

yards from the spot where Tailford was found. Another drowning victim, she was four months pregnant when Police sketch of "Jack the Stripper" (Author's collection) ***135***

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she had died on her knees. The corpse was partially she had telephoned the FBI and falsely accused John of mummified, as if from prolonged storage in a cool, dry robbing banks. When the G-men cleared him, she place.

repeated the accusation to local police.

Despite appeals to prostitutes for information on Pulled in for questioning, Pavlinac accused her hus-their "kinky" customers, police were groping in the band of Taunja Bennett's murder, and police obtained a dark. Inspector John Du Rose suggested that the last six search warrant for the couple's home. None of Ben-victims had been literally choked to death by oral sex, nett's missing personal effects were found, as searchers removal of the teeth in four cases lending vague support hoped, but they did turn up an envelope addressed to to the hypothesis. A list of suspects had supposedly Sosnovske, with "T. Bennett—a Good Piece" written on been narrowed down from 20 men to three when one of the back. Sosnovske, for his part, denied killing Taunja those committed suicide, gassing himself in his kitchen or writing the message.

and leaving a cryptic note: “I cannot go on.” It might Laverne Pavlinac, meanwhile had radically changed mean anything—or nothing—but the murders ended her story. In the first version, John had merely boasted with the nameless suspect’s death, and so police seem of the murder, spilling enough details that she was con-satisfied, although the case remains officially unsolved.

vinced of his guilt. In the new tale, Pavlinac admitted Who was the Stripper? Suspects range from a watching him rape and kill Taunja on the night of Janu-deceased prize fighter to an unnamed ex-policeman, but ary 21. It was enough for the authorities; Sosnovske Du Rose favored a private security guard on the Heron was promptly charged with murder, and Laverne was Trading Estate, his rounds including the paint shop indicted for aiding him in the crime.

where at least some of the victims were apparently There were problems with the story, even so. Most stashed after death. The only “evidence” of guilt is the critically, police had several witnesses who reported see-cessation of similar crimes after the suspect’s suicide, ing Taunja Bennett at a bar in Gresham the night she but numerous serial killers—from the original Ripper to died, 25 miles from the restaurant where Sosnovske the ZODIAC and “Babysitter”—have “retired” once they allegedly met her. Taunja had been playing pool, the achieved a certain body count. The best that we can say witnesses said, with two unidentified men—neither of for Scotland Yard’s solution is that it is plausible . . . but them John Sosnovske. It made no difference to the unconfirmed.

jurors who tried Laverne Pavlinac in early 1991: she was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison for her alleged role in the crime. Sosnovske still maintained ***JESPERSON, Keith Hunter***

his innocence, but Laverne’s conviction unnerved him, The convoluted case of Keith Jesperson, nicknamed the and he soon cut a deal with the state, pleading “no con-

“Happy Face Killer,” officially began in Oregon on Jan-test” to felony murder and kidnapping, accepting a life uary 22, 1990. A student from Mt. Hood Community sentence with parole eligibility after 15 years.

College was bicycling along the Old Scenic Highway, Case closed . . . or was it? By the time Sosnovske north of Portland, when she spied a woman’s corpse copped his plea, investigators had already hit another lying off to one side. The victim had been strangled snag. In January, while

Laverne Pavlinac was on trial, a with a rope, still tied around her neck; her bra was message was found written on a men's room wall at the pulled up to expose her breasts, pants bunched around Greyhound bus depot in Livingston, Montana. It read: her ankles. An autopsy revealed the woman had been

"I killed Taunja Bennett January 21, 1990, in Portland, sexually assaulted. The victim was identified, through Oregon. I beat her to death, raped her and loved it. I'm sketches broadcast in the media, as 23-year-old Taunja sick but I enjoy myself too. Two people took the blame Bennett, last seen alive by her parents a week before her and I'm free." A few days later, in a truckstop men's body was found.

room in Umatilla, Oregon, a second message was Detectives scoured the bars and truckstops where found: "I killed Taunja Bennett in Portland. Two people Bennett was known to spend much of her time. In one got the blame so I can kill again."

café, employees recalled frequent customer John Sos-Both messages were signed with a "happy face"—a novske boasting that he had murdered a woman he met circle with two dots for eyes and a broad crescent smile.

in a bar. "He was laughing," a waitress told police. "He Detectives in Portland theorized that some unknown thought it was a big joke." Already on probation for friend of Sosnovske's wrote the graffiti in an effort to drunk driving and driving with a suspended license, spring John from prison, but the author was untrace-Sosnovske was a notorious drinker whose girlfriend —

able. Then, in 1994, the Portland Oregonian received a Laverne Pavlinac—had a habit of reporting him to the letter in the same awkward handwriting, signed with police on phony charges every time they quarreled.

the same smiling face. This time, the author claimed a Eight months before the murder, in the spring of 1989, total of six victims, including five more in Oregon and ***136***

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one in California. "I feel bad," he wrote, "but I will not enced by Wyoming's expressed intent to indict him on turn myself in. I am not stupid." The letter went on: capital charges. He still admitted knowing Angela, even sharing her bed on occasion, but now insisted they had In a lot of opinions I should be killed and I feel I deserve parted company while

on the road, Subrize continuing it. My resposiblity [sic] is mine and God will be my judge eastward on her own to meet her fate at someone else's when I die. I am telling you this because I will be respon-hands.

sibil [sic] for these crimes and no one else. It all started Wyoming prosecutors didn't buy the revised version, when I wondered what it would be like to kill someone.

filing extradition papers with the governor of Oregon in And I found out. What a nightmare it has been.

1997. Jesperson's next ploy was a new confession, this time to the slaying of a fourth Oregon woman, Bend Despite that indication of remorse, the letter closed resident Bobbi Crescenzi, killed in 1992. Jack Crescenzi on an ominous note: "Look over your shoulder. I'm was already serving time for his wife's murder, but Jes-closer than you think."

person seemed bent on springing him from custody, as The apparent author of the "Happy Face" notes was he had done with Sosnovske and Pavlinac in the Ben-identified in March 1995, shortly after the remains of nett case. He hit a snag this time, however, when police 41-year-old Julia Ann Winningham were found at a tracking his movements were able to rule out any con-scenic outlook near Washougal, Washington. A former tact between "Face" and the victim. In fact, they resident of Salt Lake City, Winningham had lately charged, a former cellmate had been running interfer-resided in nearby Camas, Washington, before she ence between Jesperson and Jack Crescenzi, supplying dropped out of sight; her body was found on March 11.

Keith with details of the crime, Crescenzi offering Homicide investigators learned that she had left Utah in $10,000 (payable to Jesperson's children) for a confes-the company of 39-year-old Keith Jesperson, a truck sion that would lead to his release.

driver employed by Systems Transport out of Cheney, Exposure of the jailhouse plot led some authorities Washington. Picked up for questioning, Jesperson soon to question Jesperson's confession in the Bennett case, confessed his role in a series of murders around the but his real problem lay in Wyoming. Extradited in Pacific Northwest—including Taunja Bennett's. Author-December 1997, Jesperson initially boasted of his plan ities were skeptical until Jesperson led them to Bennett's to demolish the prosecution's case by exposing his own missing purse. On November 3, 1995, he pled guilty to prior lies, then switched to yet another angle of attack, Bennett's

murder and two other Oregon slayings and confessing once again to the Subrize homicide. One dif-subsequently sentenced to life imprisonment. Media ference: he had actually killed Subrize in Nebraska, Jes-reports claim Jesperson wept with joy when John Sos-person now claimed, contesting Wyoming's right to try novske and Laverne Pavlinac were released from cus-the case at all. When all else failed, he copped another tody on November 27.

plea on June 3, 1998, admitting the Subrize murder in By that time, however, Jesperson—or "Face," as he exchange for another life sentence.

liked to sign his letters from prison—had more pressing Ever the manipulator, "Face" had barely filed that matters to worry about. His string of confessions had a plea before telling the press he had lied about killing price tag attached in the form of subsequent indict-Taunja Bennett. It was good for filler in the papers, but ments and convictions. A new case had also been if Jesperson believed it would reverse the Oregon sen-opened since his arrest with the September 1995 discov-tence, he was destined for grave disappointment. For-ery of a woman's badly decomposed remains along mally sentenced in four cases, he is suspected by Interstate Highway 80 in Nebraska. A tattoo and X

authorities of at least four more slayings, including one rays identified the woman as 21-year-old Angela Sub-from 1994 in Okaloosa County, Florida. Closer to rize, an Oklahoma City native last seen alive in home, prosecutors in Riverside County, California, Wyoming with Jesperson in January 1995. The trucker, have announced their intent to try Jesperson for a 1992

for his part, admitted killing Subrize in Wyoming, after-murder near Blythe, if he ever seems likely to win ward tying her corpse beneath his truck and dragging it parole.

for "10 or 12 miles" before he finally dumped it after crossing into Nebraska.

Part of the problem for investigators was the ever-JOHNSON, Milton

changing list of Jesperson's confessions. At one point, An Illinois native, born in 1951, Johnson was convicted he allegedly confessed 160 murders, describing his vic-at age 19 of raping a Joliet woman, torturing his victim tims as "piles of garbage" dumped on the roadside, but with a cigarette lighter in the process. The charge carried he soon recanted most of the stories. One case he back-a sentence of 25 to 35 years in prison with a

consecutive tracked on was that of Angela Subrize, doubtless influ-term of five to 10 years added on conviction of burglary.

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Even with "good time," Johnson should have been con-Hackett case. Convicted on all counts in September fined until April 1986, but authorities saw fit to release 1984, he was sentenced to die. Four months later, on him more than three years prematurely on March 10, January 23, 1986, Johnson was convicted of quadruple 1983. Their generosity would cost at least 10 lives.

murder in the ceramic shop massacre, a second death For two long months, between June and August

sentence pronounced five days later. Prosecution in five 1983, Joliet and surrounding communities were terror-other murders was deferred indefinitely, and Johnson ized by a series of random "weekend murders" marked remains on death row at this writing.

by savage violence. Law enforcement officers were mobilized to sweep Will County in a search for suspects, but the killer managed to elude them, slaughter-JONES, Genene Ann

ing his victims with impunity, while residents stocked In February 1983, a special grand jury convened in San up on guns and ammunition in their own defense.

Antonio, Texas, investigating the "suspicious" deaths The crime spree started with the death of two Will of 47 children at Bexar County's Medical Center Hospi-County sisters on Saturday, June 25. A week later, on July tal over the past four years. A similar probe in neigh-2, Kenneth and Terri Johnson were shot to death without boring Kerr County was focused on the cases of eight apparent motive, the woman's body discarded in south-infants who developed respiratory problems during western Cook County. Five persons—including two treatment at a local clinic. One of those children also deputy sheriffs—were killed on Saturday, July 16, in what died, and authorities were concerned over allegations authorities termed a "random wholesale slaughter." The that deaths in both counties were caused by deliberate next evening, 18-year-old Anthony Hackett was shot to injections of muscle-relaxing drugs.

death, his fiancée raped and stabbed by a black assailant.

Genene Jones, a 32-year-old licensed vocational nurse, The violence escalated a month later. On Saturday, was one of three former hospital employees subpoenaed August 20, four women were found shot and stabbed to by both grand juries. With nurse Deborah Saltenfuss, death in a Joliet pottery shop, their handbags dumped Jones had resigned from Medical Center Hospital in nearby with money still inside. Once more, police were March 1982, moving on to a job at the Kerr County left without a solid clue in the slayings of proprietor clinic run by Dr. Kathleen Holland. By the time the grand Marilyn Baers, 46, and her three customers: 75-year-old juries convened, Jones and Holland had both been named Anna Ryan, 29-year-old Pamela Ryan, and 39-year-old as defendants in a lawsuit filed by the parents of 15-Barbara Dunbar. On August 21, the killer shifted to month-old Chelsea McClellan, lost en route to the hospi-Park Forest in Cook County, binding 40-year-old Ralph tal after treatment at Holland's clinic in September 1982.

Dixon and 25-year-old Crystal Knight before slashing On May 28, 1983, Jones was indicted on two counts their throats in Dixon's apartment and stabbing the of murder in Kerr County, charged with injecting lethal woman 20 times. The murder of 82-year-old Anna doses of a muscle relaxant and another unknown drug Johnson broke the pattern, falling on a Thursday, and a to deliberately cause Chelsea McClellan's death. Addi-suspect was swiftly apprehended in that case, leaving 17

tional charges of injury were filed in the cases of six murders unsolved.

other children, reportedly injected with drugs including On March 9, 1984, Milton Johnson was arrested

succinylcholine during their visits to the Holland clinic.

while visiting his parole officer, charged with aggra-Facing a maximum sentence of 99 years in prison, Jones vated battery and deviate sexual assault in the rape of was held in lieu of $225,000 bond.

Anthony Hackett's fiancée. Officers focused on Johnson An ex-beautician, Jones had entered nursing in 1977, after repeated complaints of a black pickup driver working at several hospitals around San Antonio over harassing Joliet women over the past two weeks, ending the next five years. In early 1982, she followed Dr. Hol-when one victim memorized Johnson's license number.

land in the move to private practice, but her perfor-Evidence collected at various murder scenes—including mance at the clinic left much to be

desired. In August fibers, fingerprints, and a sales receipt bearing the name and September 1982, seven children suffered mysteri-of Johnson's stepfather—linked Milton to 10 of the ous seizures while visiting Dr. Holland's office, their Will County murders, including Hackett's, the pottery cases arousing suspicion at Kerr County's Sip Peterson shop massacre, and the carnage of July 16. (The receipt Hospital, where they were transferred for treatment.

had been found beneath one of the murdered officers.) Holland fired Jones on September 26, after finding a In addition to those cases, police saw a "strong possibil-bottle of succinylcholine reported lost three weeks ear-ity" of Milton's participation in the July 2 murders of lier, its plastic cap missing, the rubber top pocked with Ken and Terri Johnson.

needle marks.

Granted a change of venue on grounds of pretrial (In retrospect, Dr. Holland's choice of nurses seemed publicity, Johnson waived his right to trial by jury in the peculiar, at the very least. Her statements to authorities

admit that hospital administrators had "indirectly cau-ing of September 18, 1983. His bicycle and papers were tioned" her against hiring Jones, describing Genene as a found inside a gate at the fourth house on his route, but suspect in hospital deaths dating back to October 1981.

Eberle remained missing until September 21 when Three separate investigations were conducted at Bexar searchers pulled his body from a roadside ditch. Par-County's hospital between November 1981 and February tially stripped, he had been stabbed repeatedly and then 1983, all without solving the string of mysterious deaths.) dumped where he was found. Detectives noted bite On November 21, 1983, Jones was indicted in San marks on the body, and his ankles had been bound Antonio on charges of injuring four-week-old Rolando before he died.

Santos by deliberately injecting him with heparin, an On December 2, 12-year-old Christopher Walden

anticoagulant, in January 1982. Santos had been under-disappeared while walking to school in Papillon, going treatment for pneumonia when he suffered Nebraska, three miles from the scene of the Eberle mur-

"spontaneous" hemorrhaging, but physicians managed der. Stabbed repeatedly, his corpse was found by pheas-to save his life. Their probe

continued, authorities ant hunters two days later, hidden in a grove of trees branding Jones a suspect in at least 10 infant deaths at outside of town.

Bexar County's pediatric ward.

Six weeks later, on January 11, 1984, a suspicious Genene's murder trial opened at Georgetown, Texas, young man was seen loitering around a Bellevue on January 15, 1984, with prosecutors introducing an preschool. Challenged by a staff member, he shoved her, ego motive. Jones allegedly sought recognition as a hero threatened her with death, then ran to a nearby car, and for "saving" children in life-or-death situations. Nurses sped away. The woman memorized his license number, from Bexar County also recalled Genene's plan to pro-and the rented vehicle was traced to 20-year-old John mote a pediatric intensive-care unit in San Antonio, Joubert, an enlisted man at nearby Offutt Air Force ostensibly by raising the number of seriously ill chil-Base. A search of Joubert's quarters turned up rope dren. "They're out there," she once told a colleague.

identical to Danny Eberle's bindings; more rope and a

"All you have to do is find them."

hunting knife were found in his car when Joubert was Jurors deliberated for three hours before convicting arrested that night.

Jones of murder on February 15, fixing her penalty at In custody the suspect confessed to both local mur-99 years in prison. Eight months later, on October 24, ders, warning detectives that he might kill again if she was convicted of injuring Rolando Santos in San released. Charged with two counts of murder on Janu-Antonio and sentenced to a concurrent term of 60

ary 12, Joubert was held in lieu of $10 million bond years. Suspected in at least 10 other homicides, Jones pending trial. He pled guilty to both counts on July 3, was spared further charges when Bexar County hospital 1984, and a panel of three judges fixed his sentence at administrators shredded 9,000 pounds of pharmaceuti-death.

cal records in March 1984, thus destroying numerous A native of Portland, Maine—reportedly obsessed pieces of evidence then under subpoena by the local from childhood with fantasies of CANNIBALISM—Jou-grand jury.

bert had also been making headlines at home. Detec-See also MEDICAL MURDERS

tives noted similarities between the two Nebraska murders and the Stetson case, instantly bumping Joubert to the head of their short suspect

list. Hair samples ***JOUBERT, John J.***

and dental impressions were obtained from Joubert in On August 22, 1982, 11-year-old Richard Stetson dis-February 1985, and he was indicted for Richard Stet-appeared while jogging near his home in Portland, son's murder on January 10, 1986. Convicted nearly Maine. A motorist found his body the next morning, five years later, in October 1990, Joubert was sentenced lying beside a rural highway, and while he was initially to a term of life without parole, then returned to believed to be the victim of a hit-and-run, autopsy Nebraska to await execution. Appeals prolonged his results showed that Stetson had been strangled, then life for another five years and nine months before he stabbed several times in the chest. Bite marks on his was executed on July 17, 1996.

body were inflicted by a set of human teeth.

Investigators had no solid evidence to work with, and a year elapsed before a suspect, 24 years old, was ***JUVENILE Serial Killers***

booked for Stetson's murder. Charges were dismissed in Unlike "normal" murderers, who commit their first and February 1984, by which time there were two more vic-only homicide as adults in a conflict with relatives or tims on the list some 1,500 miles away.

friends, serial killers often start young, graduating to Danny Joe Eberle, age 13, was delivering newspapers murder from a childhood pattern of violence directed in Bellevue, Nebraska, when he vanished on the morn-toward animals, siblings, playmates—even adults.

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About 1 percent of identified serial slayers—including 1997–98—has prompted some states to lower the legal CARROLL COLE, PETER KURTEN, and Herman Mudgett—

age at which offenders may be tried and sentenced as are known to have claimed their first victim before the adults. Of 38 states with CAPITAL PUNISHMENT statutes age of 10. Another 26 percent kill for the first time while in place, eight specify no minimum age for execution, still in their teens. Conversely, the older a potential killer but U.S. Supreme Court rulings have effectively barred becomes, the less likely he or she is to act out homicidal the death penalty for defendants under 16. Twelve fantasies: 44 percent of known serial murderers began states permit execution at that age, four more at 17, killing in their twenties, 24 percent in their thirties; a

while 13 (and the federal government) bar capital mere 4 percent killed for the first time in their forties, charges below 18 years of age. (New York requires a and only two individuals committed their first murder death row candidate to be at least 19.)

beyond age 50. (Age at first kill is disputed or unknown Harsh punishment for juvenile offenders, even multi-for the remainder of identified serial slayers.) ple murderers, remains a subject of heated debate in Juvenile killers present a special problem for society, American society. On balance, it appears that a major-since nearly all American jurisdictions limit the length ity of citizens believe defendants who commit "adult of time a youthful offender may be detained for any crimes"—murder, rape, and so on—should face adult crime, regardless of the charge. In general, statutes penalties. Even some hard-liners rebel at the thought of mandate unconditional release by age 18 or 21, and executing killers younger than 16, but serial killers are juvenile records are frequently sealed (even to police recidivists by definition, and the tiny number of success-scrutiny) when the offender becomes an adult, thus ful paroles in such cases—four of 1,500-plus offenders effectively erasing criminal records that include convic-released to date without (apparently) killing again—is a tions for multiple murders, rapes, and other felonies.

telling argument against the view that "anyone can be The dramatic increase in violent juvenile crime—includ-reformed."

ing a rash of sensational schoolyard shootings in See also INCARCERATION; TRIAL

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KALLINGER, Joseph Michael

By 1974, Kallinger was reportedly hallucinating con-Born December 11, 1936, in Philadelphia, Joseph was stantly, holding animated discussions with a disembod-surrendered for adoption as an infant, finding a home ied head (dubbed "Charlie") and receiving personal with Austrian immigrants Stephen and Anna Kallinger

"orders from God." The divine orders included

in October 1938. His childhood was bizarre, to say the demands that Kallinger murder young boys and sever least, marked by parental abuse in the form of floggings their genitals, an urge that he confided to his son, 13- with a cat-o'-nine-tails, beatings with a hammer, and year-old Michael, on

June 26. When Joe requested repeated threats of emasculation. In the summer of Michael's help, the boy responded with enthusiasm: 1944, Kallinger was sexually abused at knifepoint by a

"Glad to do it, Dad!" Eleven days later, they murdered gang of older boys, prompting subsequent episodes in José Collazo, a Puerto Rican youth, in Philadelphia, which he masturbated while clenching a knife in his fist.

first torturing their victim and then cutting off his penis.

Kallinger married his first wife at age 17, the stormy Kallinger next set his sights on one of his own chil-relationship producing 10 children before she aban-dren, Joseph Jr. In his first attempt Joe tried to make the doned their home for another man in September 1956.

boy back off a cliff, cartoon-style, while posing for pho-A year later, Joseph was hospitalized with a suspected tographs. Failing in that, he took both boys along on a brain lesion, but tests revealed a "psychopathological July 25 arson run, bungling an attempt to trap Joe Jr. in nervous disorder." Married a second time in April a burning trailer. Finally, three days later, Kallinger and 1958, Kallinger soon torched his own home for amuse- Michael drowned their victim at a demolition site; the ment, reaping a fringe benefit of $1,600 from fire insur-body was recovered by authorities on August 9, 1974.

ance. Committed to a state hospital in July 1959

Questioned as a suspect in the murder, Kallinger was following a suicide attempt, Kallinger would set fire to not arrested due to lack of evidence.

the family's second home on four separate occasions—

That autumn, the father-son team began ranging far-twice in May 1963, once in August 1965, and again in ther afield in their search for victims. On November 22, October 1967.

they burglarized a house in Lindenwold, New Jersey, but By 1972 the Kallingers had six children at home, no one was home. At their second stop, victim Joan including two from his failed first marriage. On January Carty was tied to her bed and sexually assaulted by Joe 23 of that year, Joseph branded his oldest daughter's Kallinger. Eleven days later, in Susquehanna Township, thigh with a hot iron as punishment for running away.

Pennsylvania, five hostages were bound and robbed at Arrested a week later, he was found incompetent for knifepoint, the Kallingers making off

with $20,000 in trial, held for 60 days' mental evaluation, and ulti-cash and jewelry after slashing one woman's breast.

mately ruled fit for trial in June. Conviction on child Striking next in Homeland, Maryland—a Baltimore abuse charges earned him four years' probation with a suburb—father and son held a woman captive in her provision for mandatory psychiatric treatment.

home, forcing her to fellate Joe at gunpoint. On January ***141***

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Kallinger received a mandatory life sentence to run consecutively with his time in Pennsylvania.

Kallinger's violent outbursts continued in prison, with Joseph setting himself on fire in March 1977. A month later, he assaulted a fellow inmate before lighting a fire on his cell block. In March 1978, he slashed another

convict's throat in an unprovoked attack, but his victim survived. Ten years later, in televised interviews, Kallinger expressed his continuing desire to slaughter every person on earth, after which he hoped to commit suicide and "become God."

By that time, Kallinger had been tried and convicted (in January 1984) of murdering José Collazo and his own son Joseph Jr., drawing two more consecutive life sentences. Briefly transferred to Pennsylvania's Fairview State Hospital for the Criminally Insane in 1990, after a new spate of suicide attempts and "religious" hunger strikes, Kallinger was back in state prison on March 26, 1996, when he choked to death on his own vomit in the prison infirmary.

KEARNEY, Patrick Wayne

On July 5, 1977, authorities in Riverside, California, announced the confessions of two male suspects in a grisly series of "trash bag" murders, thought to include 15 victims in five different counties since 1973. The suspects, Patrick Kearney and David Douglas Hill, were charged in only two cases—both victims slain in March Joseph Kallinger (left) (Author's collection)

1977—but on the same day, Kearney led detectives to six alleged body-dumping sites in Imperial County. Evidence recovered from Kearney's home, where Hill 6, the ritual was repeated in Dumont, New Jersey, with resided as a live-in lover, included fibers matched to another female victim.

those found on several corpses, plus a bloody hacksaw Two days later, on January 8, Kallinger and son used in the dismemberment of certain victims.

invaded another home in Leonia, New Jersey, holding The California "trash bag" case officially began on eight captives at gunpoint while they ransacked the April 13, 1975, when the mutilated remains of 21-year-house. Nurse Maria Fasching was stabbed to death for old Albert Rivera were discovered near San Juan Capis-refusing Joe's order to bite off a male victim's penis, but trano. By November, five more bodies had been found Kallinger got careless on the getaway, discarding a in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Diego coun-bloody shirt near the scene. Officers traced the shirt to ties. The discovery of two more victims in March 1977

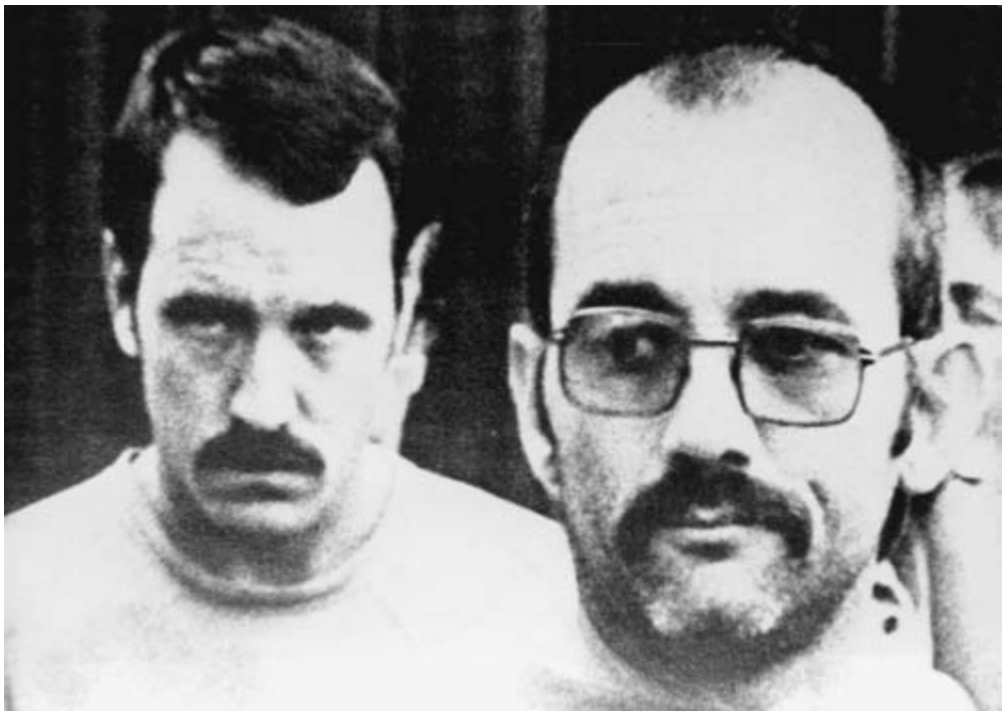
its owner and the Kallingers were arrested on January raised the body count to eight, and by that time police 17 by a joint raiding party of federal and state authori-had their pattern. All the identified victims were gay; ties.

Two months later, Michael Kallinger was ruled each was found nude, shot in the head with a similar delinquent but "salvageable," with murder charges dis-weapon; several were dismembered or otherwise muti-missed in return for his guilty plea on two counts of lated, their remains packaged in identical plastic robbery. He was placed on probation until his 25th garbage bags.

birthday, in December 1982.

The final victim was 17-year-old John LaMay, last Joe Kallinger's first trial in Pennsylvania ended with seen by his parents on March 13 when he left home to a hung jury in June 1975. Three months later, at his visit a friend named "Dave." Police entered the case five retrial, he was convicted on nine felony counts and sen-days later, after LaMay's dismembered remains were tenced to prison for 30 to 80 years by a judge who found beside a highway south of Corona. Friends of the called him "an evil man . . . utterly vile and depraved."

victim identified "Dave" as David Hill, supplying homi-Convicted of the New Jersey murder in October 1976, cide detectives with an address. Warrants were issued ***142***



KEMPER, Edmund Emil, III

for Hill and his roommate, but the lovers remained at Kearney pled guilty on all counts, receiving another life large until July 1 when they entered the Riverside sentence. If his original confessions were truthful, at

County sheriff's office, pointed to their posters on the least seven victims remain unidentified today.

wall, and smilingly announced, "That's us."

A high school dropout from Lubbock, Texas, David Hill joined the army in 1960 but was soon discharged ***KEMPER, Edmund Emil, III***

on diagnosis of an unspecified personality disorder The product of a broken and abusive home, belittled by (possibly related to his HOMOSEXUALITY). Back in Lub-a shrewish mother who occasionally locked him in the bock, he married his high school sweetheart, but the basement when he failed to meet her standards of romance was short-lived. In 1962, he met Patrick Kear-behavior, Edmund Kemper grew up timid and resentful, ney, stationed with the air force in Texas, and the nursing a perception of his own inadequacy that gave attraction was mutual. Hill divorced his wife in 1966

rise to morbid fantasies of death and mutilation. As a and moved to California with Kearney a year later.

child he often played a "game" in which his sisters took They were living together in Culver City, a Los Angeles the part of executioners, with Kemper as their victim, suburb, when the long string of murders began. (The writhing in imaginary death throes as they "threw the first victim, known only as "George," was buried switch." Preoccupied with visions of decapitation and behind Kearney's Culver City duplex in September dismemberment, he cut the heads and hands off of his 1968; detectives following the killer's directions sister's doll—a MODUS OPERANDI that he would repeat, unearthed his skeleton in July 1977.)

as an adult with human victims.

On July 14, 1977, Patrick Kearney was formally Before the age of 10, Kemper graduated to living tar-indicted on two counts of murder, including that of John gets, burying the family cat alive and subsequently cut-LaMay. David Hill was released the same day, his ting off its head, returning with the gruesome trophy to charges dismissed as Kearney shouldered full responsibil-his room, where it was placed on proud display. Despite ity for the slayings, telling police that he killed because his tender age, he brooded over fantasies of love and

"it excited him and gave him a feeling of dominance." By sex, with violence playing an inevitable role. Unable to July 15, Kearney had signed confessions to 28 murders, express affection in a normal way, he showed the

with 12 of the cases confirmed by police. On December WARNING SIGNS of latent necrophilia. One afternoon, 21, he pled guilty on three counts of first-degree murder, discussing Edmund's childish crush upon a grade-school receiving a sentence of life imprisonment.

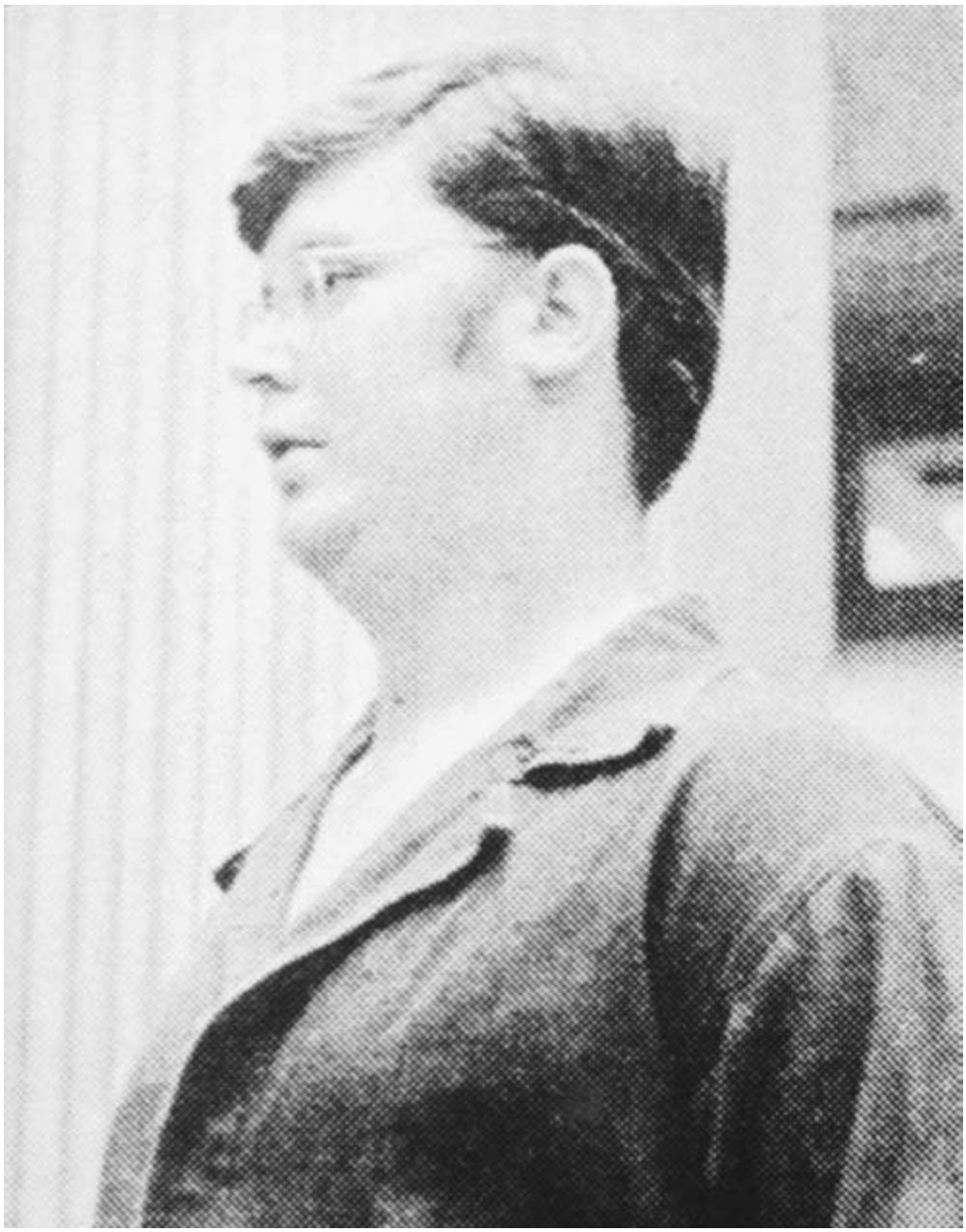
teacher, Kemper's sister asked him why he didn't simply Prosecutors launched the new year by charging Kear-kiss the woman. Kemper answered, deadpan, "If I kiss ney with another 18 counts of murder in February her, I would have to kill her first." A second family cat 1978. Nine of those charges disposed of the first dozen fell victim to his urges, this one hacked with a machete victims in Kearney's confession; the others included two and the pieces hidden in the closet until they were acci-children, ages five and eight, along with four victims dentally discovered by his mother.

whose bodies were never recovered. On February 21, Branding her son "a real weirdo," Kemper's mother first packed him off to live with her estranged husband, and then—after running away—the boy was delivered to his paternal grandparents, dwelling on a remote California ranch. There, in August 1963, 14-year-old Kemper shot his grandmother with a .22-caliber rifle, afterward stabbing her body repeatedly with a kitchen knife. When his grandfather came home, Kemper shot the old man as well, leaving him dead in the yard.

Interrogated by authorities, Kemper could only say that "I just wondered how it would feel to shoot Grandma." He regretted not stripping her corpse, and that statement, along with the motiveless violence displayed in his actions, got Kemper committed to the state's maximum-security hospital at Atascadero. In 1969, a 21-year-old behemoth grown to six-feet-nine and some 300 pounds, Kemper was paroled to his mother's custody over the objections of state psychiatrists.

"Trash Bag Killer" Patrick Kearney (right), with David Hill During Ed's enforced absence, his mother had settled (Author's collection)

in Santa Cruz, a college town whose population



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was resting in the trunk of Kemper's car next morning when he met with state psychiatrists who pronounced him "safe," recommending that his juvenile record be sealed for Kemper's future protection. Following the interview, he buried Koo's remains near a religious camp located in the mountains.

Another four months passed before the "Coed

Killer" struck again, on January 9, 1973. Picking up student Cindy Schall, Kemper forced her into the trunk of his car at gunpoint, then shot

her to death. Driving back to his mother's house, he carried the corpse to his room and there had sex with it in his bed. Afterward, Kemper dissected Schall's body in the bathtub, bagging the remains and tossing them over a cliff into the sea.

Schall's head was buried in the backyard of his mother's home, facing up toward the house, and Kemper would later remark to his mother that "people really look up to you around here."

By this time, various remains of Kemper's victims had been found and officers were on the case. Apparently, none of them had the least suspicion that their friend, Ed Kemper, was the man they sought, and some felt comfortable enough in Kemper's company to brief him on the progress of their ongoing investigation. Smiling, often buying the next round, Kemper was all ears.

On February 5, 1973, Kemper picked up 23-year-old

"Coed Killer" Edmund Kemper (Author's collection) Rosalind Thorpe and another hitchhiker, Alice Lin.

Both young women were shot to death in the car, then stacked in the trunk like so much excess luggage. Dri-boasted thousands of attractive coeds. For the next two ving home, Kemper ate dinner and waited for his years, through 1970 and 1971, Kemper bided his time, mother to retire before stepping outside and decapitat-holding odd jobs and cruising the highways in his ing both corpses as they lay in the trunk. Unsatisfied, he leisure time, picking up dozens of young female hitch-carried Lin's body inside and raped it on the floor.

hikers, refining his "line" until he knew that he could Returning to the car, he chopped off her hands as a put them totally at ease. Some evenings, he would fre-casual afterthought.

quent a saloon patronized by off-duty policemen, rub-With spring's arrival, Kemper's frenzy escalated, bing shoulders with the law and soaking up their tales coming back full circle to his home and family. He of crime, becoming friendly with a number of detectives toyed with the idea of killing everybody on his block as who would later be assigned to track him down.

"a demonstration to the authorities" but finally disOn May 7, 1972, Kemper picked up two 18-year-old missed the notion. Instead, on Easter weekend, Kemper roommates from Fresno State College, Mary Ann Pesce turned on his mother, hammering her skull in as she and Anita Luchessa. Driving them to a secluded cul-slept. Decapitating her, he raped the

headless corpse, desac, he stabbed both girls to death, then took their then jammed her severed larynx down the garbage dis-bodies home, and hid them in his room. Delighted with posal. (“It seemed appropriate,” he told police, “as his “trophies,” Kemper took Polaroid snapshots, dis-much as she’d bitched and screamed and yelled at me sected the corpses, and sexually assaulted various over so many years.”) Her head was propped up on the organs before tiring of the game. Bundling the remains mantle for use as a dart board.

into plastic bags, he buried the truncated bodies in the Still not sated, Kemper telephoned a friend of his Santa Cruz mountains, tossing the heads into a roadside mother, Sally Hallett, and invited her over for a “sur-ravine.

prise” dinner in his mother’s honor. Upon her arrival, Four months later, on September 14, Kemper offered Kemper clubbed her over the head, strangled her to a ride to 15-year-old Aiko Koo. Suffocating her with his death, then decapitated her. The headless body was large hands, Kemper raped her corpse on the spot and deposited in bed, while he wandered off to sleep in his then carried it home for dissection. Koo’s severed head mother’s room.

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On Easter Sunday, Kemper started driving east with into the ranks and issued gear. Another 18 months no destination in mind. He got as far as Colorado would pass before officials in Czinkota were informed before pulling over to a roadside telephone booth and that Kiss had died in combat, one more grim statistic for calling police in Santa Cruz. Several attempts were nec-the casualty rosters in that bloody spring of 1916. He essary before his friends would accept his confession was forgotten by the townsfolk until June when soldiers and local officers were dispatched to make the arrest visited Czinkota in a search for stockpiled gasoline.

while Kemper waited patiently in his car.

The village constable remembered Kiss and his cache In his detailed confessions, Kemper admitted slicing of metal drums and led a squad of soldiers to the dead flesh from the legs of at least two victims, cooking it in man’s home. Inside the house, the searchers turned up a macaroni casserole, and devouring it as a means of seven drums . . . but they contained no gasoline. Instead,

“possessing” his prey. He also acknowledged removing each drum contained the naked body of a woman, stran-teeth, along with bits of hair and skin from his victims, gled and immersed in alcohol. The drawers of Kiss’s retaining them as grisly keepsakes, TROPHIES of the bureau overflowed with cards and letters from women hunt. Described as sane by state psychiatrists, Kemper responding to newspaper advertisements, purchased by was convicted on eight counts of murder. Asked what Kiss in the name of Hoffmann, a self-described “lonely punishment he considered fitting for his crimes, the widower seeking female companionship.”

defendant replied, “Death by torture.” Instead, he was Czinkota’s constable recalled that there had been sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of more drums—and many more, at that. A search of the parole. Confined at Vacaville, he joined an inmate vol-surrounding countryside revealed another 17, each with unteer group recording books for the blind, and by Jana pickled corpse inside. Authorities from Budapest iden-uary 1987 had completed more books than any other tified the missing widows, and Marie Kiss occupied prisoner, with some 5,000 hours of recordings behind another drum; her lover, Paul Bikari, was the only male him. He remains incarcerated at this writing, with six among the 24 recovered victims.

parole bids rejected to date.

Police theorized that Bela Kiss had slain his wife and her clandestine lover in a jealous rage, disposing of their bodies in a fashion that—he thought—eliminated any ***KISS, Bela***

possibility of subsequent discovery. The crime apparently A family man and amateur astrologer, Hungarian Bela unleashed some hidden mania, and Kiss spent the next Kiss began his career as a serial murderer relatively late two years pursuing lonely women with a passion, bilking in life. In February 1912, at 40 years of age, Kiss moved several of their savings prior to strangling them and seal-to the village of Czinkota with his wife Marie, some 15

ing them inside his makeshift funeral vaults. It was a years his junior. Within a matter of weeks, Marie had grisly case, but Kiss had gone to face a higher court.

found herself a lover, one Paul Bikari, and in December Or had he?

1912, Kiss sadly told his neighbors that the couple had In the spring of 1919, Kiss was sighted on the Mar-run off together, leaving him to pine

alone. In place of garet Bridge in Budapest, "Herr Hoffmann's" antebel-his wife, Kiss hired an elderly housekeeper. She, in turn, lum stomping ground. Police investigation proved that learned to ignore the parade of women who came to Kiss had switched his papers with a battlefield fatality, spend time with Czinkota's newly eligible bachelor.

assuming the dead man's identity to make good his About that same time, Kiss began collecting large escape. That knowledge brought detectives no closer to metal drums, informing the curious village constable their man, however, for Kiss has slipped the net again.

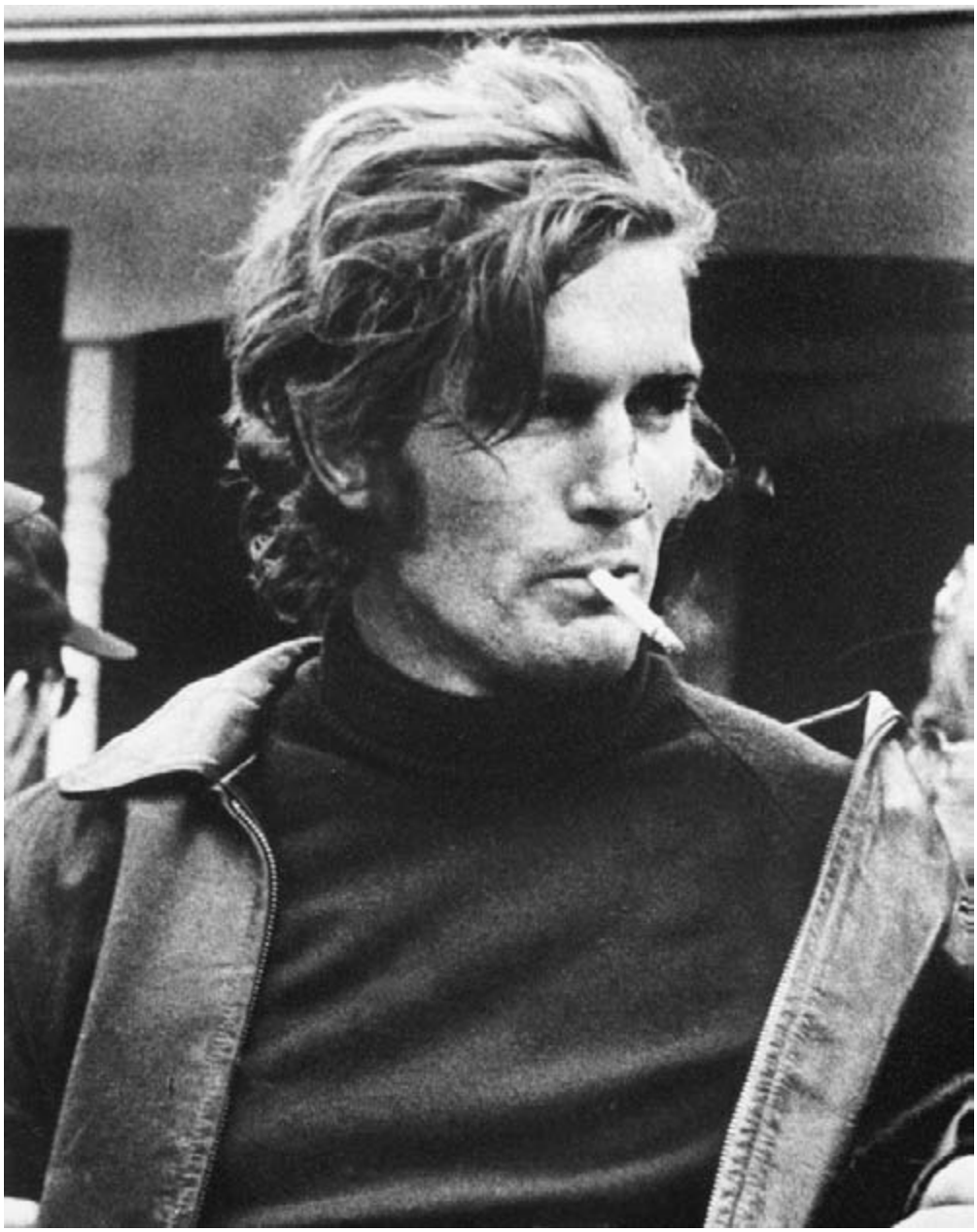
that they were filled with gasoline, expected to be scarce The futile search went on. In 1924, a deserter from with the approach of war in Europe. Budapest authori-the French Foreign Legion told officers of the Sûreté ties, meanwhile, were seeking information on the disap-about a fellow legionnaire who entertained the troops pearance of two widows, named Schmeidak and Varga, with tales of his proficiency with the garrote. The sol-who had not made contact with their friends or rela-dier's name was Hoffman, and he matched descriptions tives for several weeks. Both women had last been seen of Bela Kiss, but the lead was another dead end. By the in the company of a man named Hoffmann, said to live time Hungarian police were informed, legionnaire near the Margaret Bridge in Budapest, but he had also

"Hoffman" had also deserted, vanishing without a disappeared without a trace. Czinkota's constable was trace.

generally aware of the investigation, but he saw no rea-In 1932, a New York homicide detective, Henry

son to connect Herr Hoffmann with the quiet, unas-Oswald, was convinced that he had sighted Bela Kiss, suming Bela Kiss.

emerging from the Times Square subway station. NickIn November 1914, Kiss was drafted into military named "Camera Eye" by colleagues because of his service, leaving for the front as soon as he was sworn uncanny memory for faces, Oswald was unshakable in ***145***



KNOWLES, Paul John

his belief that Kiss—who would have been approaching On September 3, Knowles met businessman William 70—was living somewhere in New York. Unfortu-Bates at a tavern in Lima, Ohio, sharing a few drinks nately, Times Square crowds prevented Oswald from before he strangled Bates and dumped his body in some pursuing Kiss, and he could only watch in helpless rage nearby woods, where it would be discovered in Octo-as his intended quarry disappeared.

ber. Stealing money, credit cards, and Bates's car, In 1936, a rumor spread that Kiss was working as a Knowles made his way to Sacramento,

California, then janitor in an apartment building on New York's Sixth doubled back through Utah, pausing at Ely, Nevada, Avenue. Again, he managed to evade police—if he was long enough to murder campers Emmett and Lois John-ever there at all—and there the trail grew cold. What-son on September 18.

ever finally became of Bela Kiss remains a mystery, Three days later, passing through Sequin, Texas, he beyond solution with the passage of more than six spotted a female motorist stranded at roadside and decades. In Hungary, he is remembered as the one who stopped "to help," raping her before he strangled her to got away.

death and dragged her body through a tangled barbed-wire fence. On September 23, he met beautician Ann Dawson in Birmingham and instantly caught her fancy; ***KNOWLES, Paul John***

they traveled together, at her expense, until Knowles A Florida native, born in 1946, Knowles logged his first tired of the game and killed her on September 29. Her arrest at 19, spending roughly six months of each year body has never been found.

thereafter in jail on various convictions for burglary and Knowles drifted on through Oklahoma, Missouri, auto theft. He was serving time in Raiford when he Iowa, and Minnesota, apparently keeping his nose began corresponding with California divorcée Angela clean, leaving no bodies behind. By October 19, he Covic, and she visited the prison long enough to accept needed a "fix," and he found it in Woodford, Virginia, his proposal of marriage, shelling out money for lawyers barging into the home of 53-year-old Doris Hovey, to win his release. Parole came through in May 1974, shooting her dead with her own husband's rifle, then and Knowles flew directly to San Francisco for the nup-wiping his prints from the gun and placing it beside her tials, but Covic had changed her mind, warned off by a psychic who foresaw the entry of a new, dangerous man in her life. The night she dumped him, Knowles allegedly went out and killed three people on the streets of San Francisco, but his claim has not been verified.

Back home in Jacksonville, Knowles was jailed after a bar fight, but he picked a lock and escaped on July 26, 1974. That night, he invaded the home of 65-year-old Alice Curtis, leaving her bound and gagged as he ransacked her house for money, finally taking off in her car.

She choked to death on the gag, but Knowles hung around town for a few days, using her vehicle, until police connected him with the crime and

his picture began turning up on TV. Preparing to drop the hot car on a quiet residential street, he spied 11-year-old Lillian Anderson and her seven-year-old sister Mylette, recognizing them as friends of his mother. Convinced the girls had seen him and would notify police, he kidnapped both of them and dumped their strangled bodies in a swamp outside of town.

The next day, in Atlantic Beach, Florida, Knowles broke into the home of Marjorie Howe, strangling her with a nylon stocking and stealing her television set.

His next victim was a teenage "Jane Doe" hitchhiker, raped and strangled for sport as he drifted aimlessly, working his way north. On August 23, he invaded the home of Kathie Pierce at Musella, strangling her with a telephone cord while her three-year-old son looked on but leaving the child unharmed.

Paul Knowles in custody (Wide World API)

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body. Afterward, police could find no signs of sex or ***KODAIRA Yoshio***

robbery to offer them a motive in the case.

Arguably Japan's most prolific serial killer of modern Still driving William Bates's stolen car, Knowles times, Kodaira Yoshio, born in 1905, was the son of a picked up two hitchhikers in Key West, planning to kill violent alcoholic and was described by his first-grade them both, but his scheme went awry when a police-teacher as "inattentive and listless; gets into fights on a man stopped them for traffic violations. The careless daily basis." The pattern continued throughout elemen-officer let Knowles go with a warning, but the experi-tary school, Kodaira further handicapped by a severe ence had shaken Paul. Dropping his passengers off in stutter, scraping by with low grades and graduating—

Miami, Knowles phoned his lawyer for advice. Reject-barely—with the rank of 21st in a class of 23 students.

ing the suggestion of surrender, he met the attorney Apprenticed to a Tokyo metalworks in lieu of higher long enough to hand over a taped confession, then education, he drifted through a series of blue-collar slipped out of town before police were informed of his jobs, none lasting more than a few months. An unwed presence.

father at age 18, he joined the Imperial Japanese Navy On November 6, in Macon, Georgia, Knowles

to escape his parental obligations.

befriended Carswell Carr and was invited home to As a seaman of the Japanese fleet, Kodaira soon spend the night. Over drinks, he stabbed Carr to death became accustomed to the low-rent brothels in various and then strangled Carr's 15-year-old daughter, failing ports of call. By 1927, he was involved in Japanese in his attempt to have sex with her corpse. In the wake actions against mainland China, participating in various of his flight from Macon, Knowles was also suspected atrocities that included the rape and murder of helpless in the November 2 murder of hitchhiker Edward

civilians. As he later described one incident, "Four or Hilliard, found in some nearby woods, and his compan-five of my comrades and I entered a Chinese home, tied ion Debbie Griffin (still among the missing).

up the father, and locked him in the closet. We stole their Barhopping in Atlanta on November 8, Knowles met jewelry and raped the women. We even bayoneted a British journalist Sandy Fawkes, impressing her with his pregnant woman and pulled out the fetus from her

"gaunt good looks." They spent the night together, but stomach. I also engaged in those depraved actions."

Knowles was unable to perform in bed, and he failed And loved every minute of it.

repeatedly at sex over the next two days, suggesting Back in civilian life by 1932, Kodaira married the possible impotence with a willing companion. They daughter of a Shinto priest over her father's objections.

separated on November 10, but Knowles picked up one The union was a stormy one and climaxed when

of Sandy's friends, Susan MacKenzie, the next day, Kodaira settled one argument by beating his father-in-demanding sex at gunpoint. She escaped and notified law to death with an iron bar, injuring six other family police, but when patrolmen tried to stop him, Knowles members in the process. Sentenced to 15 years at hard brandished a sawed-off shotgun and made his escape.

labor, he was released in the general amnesty of 1940

A short time later in West Palm Beach, he invaded the and found work as a civilian employee at a naval facil-home of invalid Beverly Mabee, abducting her sister and ity in Tokyo. Most of his subordinates were female,

stealing their car, dropping his hostage off in Fort Pierce, and Kodaira made a habit of spying on them as they Florida, the following night. A police officer recognized bathed after work. On May 25, 1945, he raped and the stolen car next morning and pulled Knowles over, strangled one of them, 19-year-old Miyazaki Mitsuko, but Knowles was faster on the draw. Taking the officer and hid her corpse behind an air raid shelter on the hostage, he drove away in the patrol car, using its siren premises.

to stop motorist James Meyer, switching cars a second Japan was under frequent air attack by that time, her time. Burdened with two prisoners now, Knowles hand-island fortresses in the Pacific falling to amphibious cuffed both men to a tree in Pulaski County, Georgia, invaders, and Kodaira's crime went undiscovered while and shot each one in the head at close range.

the chaos of the war distracted the police from his A short time later, Knowles tried to crash through a crimes. Encouraged by his success, he raped and stran-police roadblock, losing control of his car and smashing gled 30-year-old Ishikawa Yori on June 22. Three into a tree. A chaotic foot chase ensued, with Knowles weeks later, on July 12, he repeated the procedure with pursued by dogs and helicopters; he was finally cor-32-year-old Nakamura Mitsuko. A fourth victim, 22-nered by an armed civilian on November 17. In cus-year-old Kondo Kazuko, died on July 15. Matsushita tody, he claimed 35 murders, but only 18 could be Yoshie, age 21, was killed on September 28; 17-year-old verified. On November 18, while being transferred to Shinokawa Tatsue followed on October 31; and 19-maximum security, Knowles made a grab for the sher-year-old Baba Hiroko on December 30.

iff's revolver, and FBI Agent Ron Angel shot him dead Kodaira took a six-month breather after that, claimin his tracks.

ing his next victim—15-year-old Abe Yoshiko—on June ***147***

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30, 1946. Two more would follow before he was finally kidnapping and rape. He escaped from custody en caught by police.

route to trial and remained at large for another four With no more female employees to victimize, Kodaira years, graduating to murder in February 1997. Over had worked out a new approach for himself, loitering in the next five months, he killed at least nine women, public places,

offering to help young women purchase impersonating a cab driver as he cruised Tehran's food or other items on Tokyo's thriving black market.

streets by night, in search of victims. The women who So it was that Kodaira met 17-year-old Midorikawa entered his "taxi" were raped and stabbed repeatedly, Ryuko on July 10, striking up a friendship that included then doused with gasoline and set on fire in an effort visits to her home, where he foolishly gave his real name to disguise Kordiyeh's crimes. Some of the bodies were to the young woman's parents. Ryuko disappeared on imperfectly consumed by flame, allowing investigators August 6, leaving home to meet Kodaira for an alleged to count up to 30 stab wounds on a single corpse.

job interview; her nude corpse was found at Tokyo's Police dubbed their quarry the "Tehran Vampire"

Zojoji Temple a few days later. A second body, found after his night-prowling habits but were confounded in nearby, was identified as Shinokawa Tatsue, reported their search for the slayer until Kordiyeh got careless, missing by her parents in Shibuya.

allowing two victims to slip through his grasp. The Police went looking for Kodaira after they obtained women helped authorities prepare a suspect sketch, and his name from Ryuko's parents, and he freely confessed they swiftly identified Kordiyeh following his June arrest his crimes with no plea for leniency and was sentenced for acting suspicious at a Tehran shopping mall. Con-to death on August 20, 1947. (In addition to the mur-fronted with the evidence—including human bloodstains ders, he confessed to 30 or more rapes where the vicin his car—Kordiyeh duly confessed to the murders. His tims survived.) Two years and two months later, on the trial was broadcast live on state-run television for a fasci-morning of October 5, 1949, Kodaira was hanged at nated audience, and the vampire was sentenced to hang.

Miyagi Prison.

Befitting the occasion, Kordiyeh's execution on In the wake of his execution, Japanese author Edo-August 12, 1997, was a public spectacle. Twenty thou-gawa Rampo tried to make sense of the case. "The type sand spectators turned out for the event, chanting of crime he committed was not particularly unusual,"

"Allahu Akbar" ("God is great") while Kordiyeh Edogawa wrote, "but to have repeated it, using the received a flogging of 214 lashes from

relatives of his same methods, was definitely unusual. This incident can victims. That ritual complete, the semiconscious stalker be attributed to the relaxation of morals that has was hanged from a bright yellow construction crane, occurred since the end of the war. This is because all of erected near the scene of his crimes. His last words, us—the criminal, his victims, and society at large—all before the crane hoisted him aloft, were: "I borrowed bear some guilt. Moreover, the atmosphere of social money from no one, and I owe none to anyone. I ask neglect brought on by Japan's defeat has brought out God for forgiveness for what I did."

the beast in such individuals, particularly men who Iranian authorities, meanwhile, were less than satis-have returned from battle."

fied with the result of the public display, fearing that Edogawa did not not seem to think that "the beast"

Kordiyeh's example might inspire lethal copycats.

had been deliberately evoked by Japanese wartime tac-Before year's end, another Tehran cabbie was arrested tics reflected in such incidents as the Rape of Nanking, for attempting to molest a female passenger. According where at least 300,000 unarmed civilians were mur-to press reports, the would-be rapist boasted to police, dered in cold blood, girls and women raped by the tens

"I'm going to be the next Tehran Vampire."

of thousands in an orgy of violence officially con-doned—and shared—by superior officers. It was, perhaps, more comforting to share the blame among ***KRAFT, Randy Steven***

Kodaira's victims than to recognize the truth, namely, Shortly after 1:00 A.M. on May 14, 1983, highway that Imperial Japan had deliberately, consciously pro-patrol officers in Orange County, California, stopped a duced a generation of pitiless rapists and killers.

weaving motorist suspected of intoxication. The driver, Randy Kraft, immediately left his vehicle, all smiles as he approached the cruiser to conduct his business.

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See

Growing more suspicious by the moment, the officers

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walked Kraft back to his car, where they found Terry Gambrel, a 25-year-old marine, slumped dead in the ***KORDIYEH, Gholomreza Khoshruy***

passenger's seat. He had been strangled with a belt, and An Iranian serial killer born in 1969, Gholomreza Kraft was booked on suspicion of murder and held in Kordiyeh logged his first arrest at age 24 on charges of lieu of $250,000 bail.

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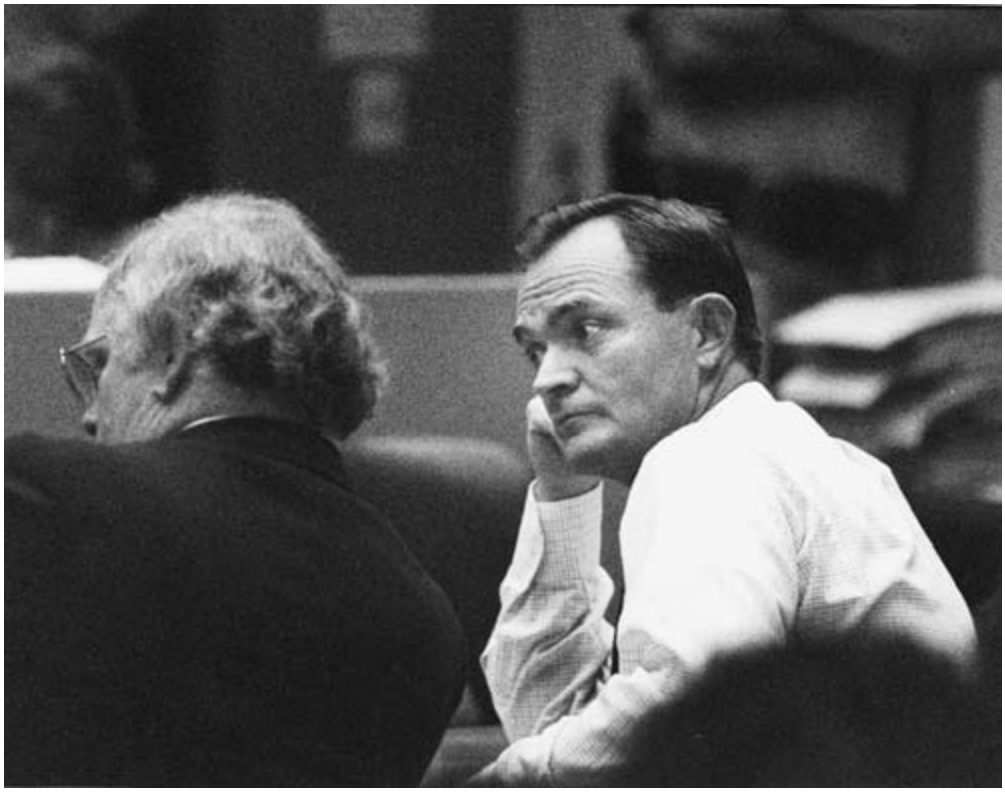

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December 1982. Investigators learned that Kraft had worked for a Santa Monica—based aerospace firm between June 1980 and January 1983, visiting company offices in Oregon and Michigan at the times of unsolved murders in both states.

As names were added to the list of victims, prosecutors cracked the code in Kraft's notebook. Thus, "2 in 1

Hitch" referred to the double murder of Nelson and De Vaul. "Marine Carson" was a reference to Richard Keith, a young marine last seen in Carson, California, whose strangled body was found in Laguna Hills in June 1978. "Jail Out" described the case of Ronald Young, found stabbed in Irvine hours after his release from the Orange County jail on June 11, 1978. "Parking Lot" recalled memories of an eight-year-old case in which

Keith Crotwell had vanished on March 26, 1975. Fishermen found his severed head days later, off

“Scorecard Killer” Randy Kraft in court (right) (Wide World API) the coast of Long Beach, and his skeleton was finally recovered in October. Kraft was briefly questioned in that case, and while he admitted meeting Crotwell in a A background check on Kraft revealed a 1966 arrest parking lot the day he vanished, officers had not consid-for lewd conduct in Huntington Beach, with charges ered him a suspect in the crime. “Euclid” stood for dismissed. He graduated from college a year later with another young marine, Scott Hughes, discarded on the a degree in economics and spent a year in the air force Euclid Street freeway ramp in Anaheim.

before he was discharged on grounds related to HOMO-The list went on and on, with each notation matched SEXUALITY. In 1975, Kraft was arrested in Long Beach to yet another unsolved homicide. A prosecutor work-for lewd conduct with another man; on conviction he ing on the case gave Kraft his nickname, remarking to spent five days in jail and paid a $125 fine.

journalists that “What we have here is a true scorecard The search of Kraft’s impounded auto turned up 47

killer. ”

color photographs depicting several young men, some Eventually charged with 16 murders—and strongly of them naked, some apparently unconscious—or

suspected of 51 others—Kraft delayed his trial for five worse. A briefcase in the trunk contained a notebook years with various legal maneuvers. The trial itself set a filled with more than 60 cryptic messages in some sort new record for Orange County, dragging on for 13

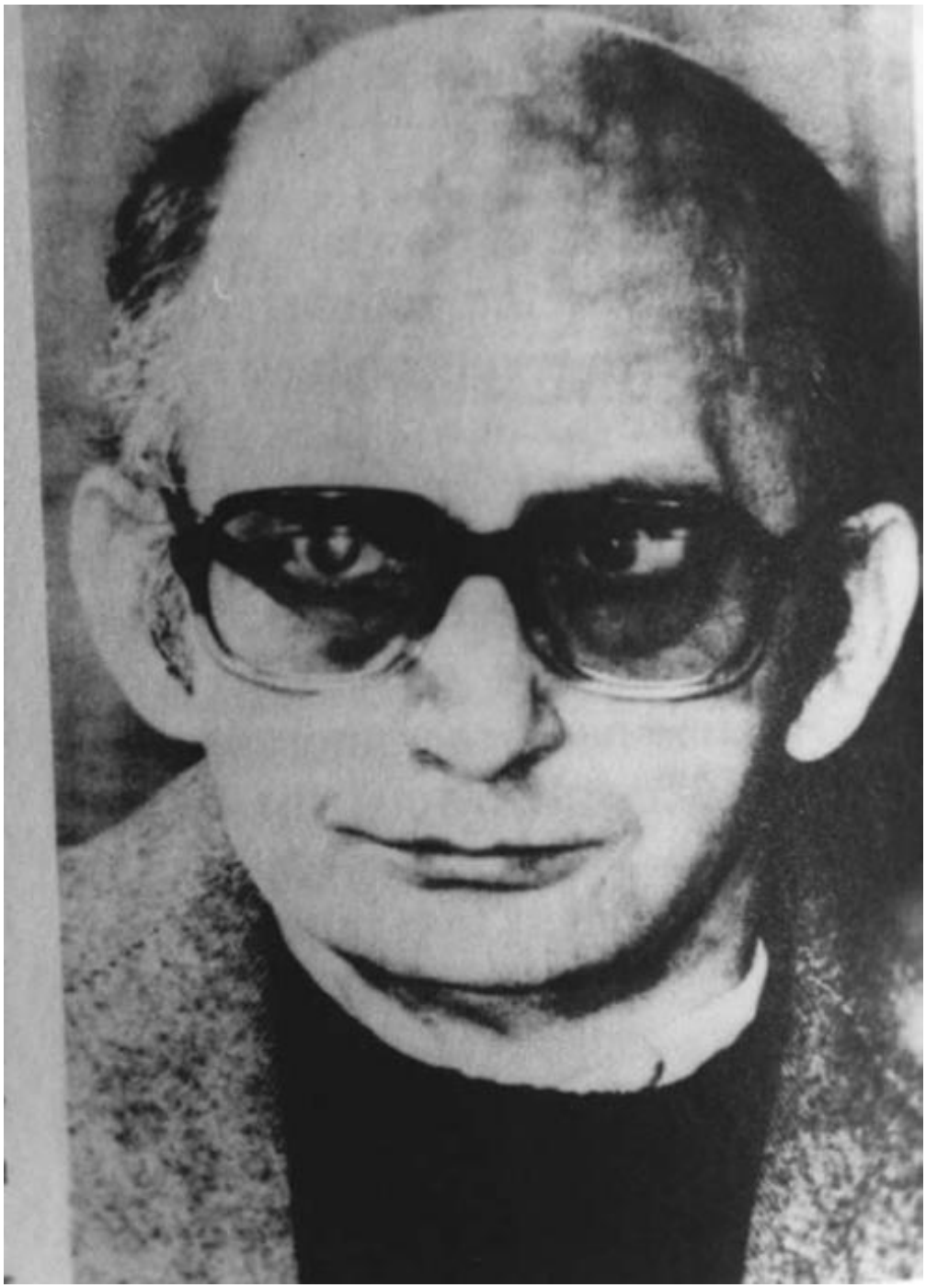
of personal code. A tour of Kraft’s home uncovered fur-months, but Kraft was finally convicted on all counts in ther evidence, convincing the authorities they had a May 1989. The penalty phase of his trial took another most prolific killer on their hands. Kraft’s photographs four months, with the jury recommending death on depicted three young men whose deaths were still August 11, and Kraft was formally condemned on unsolved in southern California. Robert Loggins, a November 29. Confined on death row at San Quentin, teenage marine, had been found dead in September he whiles away the hours playing bridge with fellow 1980; now, police had snapshots of his naked body serial killers DOUGLAS CLARK,

LAWRENCE BITFAKER, and stretched out on a couch in Kraft's home. Roger De (until his 1996 execution) WILLIAM BONIN. Another Vaul, age 20, was last seen alive while hitchhiking with occasional pastime of Kraft's is frivolous litigation: in a friend, Geoffrey Nelson, on February 12, 1983. Nel-1993 he filed a $60 million libel suit against the pub-son's body was found in Garden Grove that afternoon; lisher and author of a book about his case, claiming the De Vaul's had turned up the following day. Eric volume had unfairly portrayed him as a "sick, twisted Church, another chronic hitchhiker, was found dead in man," thereby scuttling his "prospects for future Orange County on March 27, 1983.

employment"! The lawsuit was dismissed by Califor-And the body count kept rising. Fibers from a rug in nia's Supreme Court in June 1994.

Kraft's garage matched those recovered from the corpse of 18-year-old Scott Hughes, discarded along the Riverside Freeway in April 1978. Personal items recovered ***KROLL, Joachim***

from Kraft's home included property stolen from three A nomadic German sex killer, Kroll lived in the vicinity of murder victims in Oregon, plus two items belonging to Duisburg, filling his bachelor apartment with electronic a man found dead near Grand Rapids, Michigan, in gadgets and inflatable sex dolls, frequently strangling the ***149***



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latter with one hand while he masturbated with the other.
year-old Monica Tafel vanished on her way to school.

Too nervous and shy for sex with conscious partners, he Searchers found her body in a nearby rye field, steaks turned to rape and murder at age 22, killing so often over carved from her buttocks and the back of her thighs.

the next two decades that he lost count of his victims. In Kroll sometimes seemed to change his pattern in an the 1960s Kroll tried CANNIBALISM on a whim, enjoying it effort to confuse police. No meat was taken when he so much that he kept up the practice, stalking "tender"

murdered 12-year-old Barbara Bruder in Burscheid dur-victims in an effort to reduce his grocery bills.

ing 1962. In August 1965 at Grossenbaum, he crept up Kroll's first remembered victim was 19-year-old Irm-on a pair of young lovers, stabbing a tire on their car, gard Strehl, raped and murdered in a barn near the vil-then fatally knifing the driver, Hermann Schmitz, when lage of Walstede during February 1955. Twelve-year-old he stepped out to investigate the noise. In Marl, Kroll Erika Schuletter was the next to die, raped and strangled raped and murdered Ursula Rolling on September 13, at Kirchhellen in 1956. Three years later and miles 1966, rebounding three months later to kill five-year-away, he killed Klara Jesmer in the woods near Rhein-old Ilona Harke at Wuppertal, slicing steaks from her hausen on June 17, 1959. Sixteen-year-old Manuela buttocks and shoulders.

Knodt was raped and murdered near Bredeney, south of Kroll's luck nearly ran out in 1967 when he settled Essen, with slices cut from her buttocks and thighs in the briefly in Grafenhausen, befriending local children who first slaying publicly attributed to the man police would began to call him "Uncle." Luring a 10-year-old girl dub the "Ruhr Hunter."

into a nearby field one afternoon, he promised to On April 23, 1962, 13-year-old Petra Griese was

"show her a rabbit" but produced obscene photos raped and killed at Rees, near Walsum, both buttocks instead, hoping the child might become sexually sliced off along with her left forearm and hand. The aroused. Instead, she was horrified, bolting for safety as Hunter was still stalking Walsum on June 4 when 13-Kroll made a grab for her throat, and he fled Grafenhausen the same day before police could begin asking troublesome questions.

On July 12, 1969, Kroll invaded the home of 61-year-old Maria Hettgen in Hueckeswagen, strangling her to death and raping her corpse in the front hall.

Reverting to children on May 21, 1970, he waylaid 13-year-old Jutta Ranh in Breitscheid, discarding her strangled body after he had satisfied his

lust. In 1976, 10-year-old Karin Toepfer was raped and strangled on her way to school, in Dinslaken Voerde.

Kroll's arrogance defeated him in July 1976 when he claimed his next victim in his own neighborhood of Laar, a Duisburg suburb. Four-year-old Marion Ketter was reported missing from a nearby playground, and police were asking questions door-to-door when they heard a curious story from one of Kroll's neighbors.

According to their witness, Kroll had warned them that the upstairs toilet in their block of flats was clogged

"with guts." A plumber quickly verified the statement, flushing a child's lungs and other organs out of the pipe, and detectives went calling on Kroll. In his apartment they discovered plastic bags of human flesh stored in the freezer; on the stove, a tiny hand was boiling in a pot with carrots and potatoes.

Convinced that they had bagged the Hunter, officers were stunned by Kroll's long-running litany of rape and murder. He remembered 14 victims, but he really couldn't say if there were more, a circumstance that left detectives free to speculate upon his final body count.

With CAPITAL PUNISHMENT abolished in Germany after World War II, Kroll received the maximum possible Joachim Kroll, the "Ruhr Hunter" (Author's collection) punishment of life in prison.

KURTEN, Peter

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Born in Koln-Mulheim, Germany, in 1883, Peter Kurten was the product of a violent, abusive childhood.

Thirteen members of his family existed in a single room, the atmosphere heavily charged with sexual tension. Kurten's father, a brutal alcoholic, frequently compelled his wife to strip for sex in front of the assembled children, and he later went to prison for attempting to rape his own daughter. Peter likewise molested his sisters on occasion, and he was

further influenced by a sadistic dogcatcher who lived in the same building. As a child, Kurten frequently watched the man torture his dogs and was instructed in the art of masturbating animals for sport.

Kurten committed his first murders at age nine when he pushed a playmate from a raft on the banks of the Rhine. A second boy jumped in to help the first, and Kurten managed to push them both under the raft, where they drowned. As in the case of CARROLL

EDWARD COLE a half-century later, these youthful murders were dismissed by negligent authorities as "accidental" deaths.

About age 12, Kurten moved with his family to Dusseldorf. Already twisted in his view of sexuality, he masturbated compulsively, attempting intercourse with his sisters and various schoolgirls. From age 13 he also practiced bestiality with sheep, pigs, and goats, deriving Peter Kurten, the "Vampire of Dusseldorf" (Author's collection) special satisfaction when he stabbed sheep to death during intercourse.

In his early teens Kurten ran away from home to live in hopes that sleeping tramps might be burned alive.

as a nomadic robber, choosing girls and women as his Sentenced to seven years on a theft charge in 1905, prey. Back home in Dusseldorf at age 16, he briefly Kurten later claimed to have poisoned several inmates worked as an apprentice molder, but his master proved in the prison hospital. On release in 1912, he raped a abusive, and Kurten absconded with cash from the till, servant girl and shortly after that was found accosting settling in Coblenz with a prostitute who thrived on women in a local restaurant. A waiter tried to intervene violence and perversion. Kurten logged his first arrest in and Kurten drove him off with pistol fire, earning Coblenz, one of 17 indictments that would land him in another year in prison for his trouble.

jail for a total of 27 years over the course of his life.

On May 25, 1913, Kurten broke into a pub in Koln-Released in 1899, he learned his parents had divorced Mulheim while the owners were away. Creeping up to and Kurten promptly moved in with another masochis-their quarters, he found their 13-year-old daughter, tic hooker twice his age.

Christine Klein, asleep in bed. He cut her throat and Kurten claimed his first adult murder in November raped her with his fingers, dropping a handkerchief 1899, strangling a girl during sex in the Grafenberger with his initials at the scene, but luck was with him.

Wald outside Dusseldorf, but no body was found and The victim's father, Peter Klein, had recently quarreled his victim may have survived. He was jailed twice for with his brother Otto, the latter threatening to do fraud in 1900, then received another two years for something Klein "would remember all his life." Otto attempting to shoot a girl with a rifle. Theft charges Klein was indicted and tried for the murder, finally kept him behind bars until 1904, where he occupied his cleared for lack of evidence, while Kurten followed the time with fantasies of violent sex and vengeance on proceedings with amusement.

society.

Stepping up his schedule, Kurten found another Drafted by the military on release from prison, sleeping victim but was frightened off by members of Kurten soon deserted. He had started setting fires by her family. In separate incidents he struck a man and that time, drawing sensual excitement from the flames.

woman with a hatchet, reaching climax at the sight of His targets normally were barns and hayricks, torched blood. He also torched another haystack and attempted ***151***

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strangulation of two women, prior to drawing eight attacks in Dusseldorf, but all survived. On August 24, more years in jail on unrelated charges.

two children—five-year-old Gertrude Hamacher and Freed in 1921, he moved to Altenburg, informing 14-year-old Louise Lenzen—were found dead near their new acquaintances that he had been a prisoner of war homes, both strangled, with their throats cut. One day in Russia. Kurten met his future wife in Altenburg, a later, Gertrude Schulte was accosted on her way to see woman who had served five years in jail for shooting the fair, at Neuss. Confronted with a crude demand for her fiancé. She initially rejected his proposals but agreed sex, she said that she would rather die. "Well, die, to marry Kurten when he threatened her with murder.

then," Kurten answered, stabbing Gertrude several Settling down to a peculiar version of domestic bliss, times before he fled. She lived and gave police a fair Kurten endured a "normal" life for several years before description of her would-be rapist, but detectives still he had a relapse and was charged with sexually assault-rejected the suggestion of a single man

behind their ing servant girls on two occasions. Moving back to Dus-recent crime wave.

seldorf in 1925, he was delighted by a blood-red sunset Kurten tried to strangle three more women in Sep-on the night of his arrival. Kurten took it as a sign. He tember, hurling one victim into the river for good mea-was preparing to launch his final reign of terror.

sure, but all survived. Ida Reuter was less fortunate, her Based upon his subsequent confessions, Kurten bore skull crushed with a hammer near the end of the month.

responsibility, by 1928, in four attempted strangula-Another hammer victim, Elizabeth Dirries, was killed at tions (all of women) and a rash of fires that claimed two Grafenbery on October 12. On the 25th, two more homes and 15 other targets. Still, he did not hit his women were bludgeoned in separate attacks, but both stride until the early weeks of 1929. On February 3 he recovered from their wounds.

stabbed a woman 24 times and left her lying in the Five-year-old Gertrude Alberman was reported miss-street, but she recovered after months of care. Ten days ing in Dusseldorf on November 7, her body recovered later, Kurten scored his first fatality of the new cam-two days later after Kurten sent directions to a local paign, stabbing a mechanic 20 times at Flingern.

newspaper. The child had been strangled, then stabbed On March 9, eight-year-old Rose Ohliger was found 36 times. Following Kurten's instructions, police also at a construction site in Dusseldorf; she had been raped, unearthed the remains of Maria Hahn, stabbed 20

stabbed 13 times, and efforts had been made to burn times, raped after death, and buried in mid-August.

the corpse with paraffin. Comparing notes, detectives Kurten's luck ran out on May 14, 1930, when he found their last three victims had been marked by stab picked up Maria Budlick and took her home for a meal, wounds to the temples, but the choice of victims—first thereafter strolling through the woods with sex and a woman, then a man, and now a child—apparently strangulation on his mind. Maria fought him off, and ruled out a pattern in the case.

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Kurten unaccountably released her after she assured him In April 1929, police picked up a simple-minded that she had forgotten his address. Police were sum-transient for assaulting local women, but they found no moned and, in custody, their suspect launched into a evidence connecting him with homicide, and he was marathon confession that would send him to his death.

sent to an asylum. Kurten rested from his labors, mean-Kurten's trial opened on April 13, 1931, and ended while, dallying with servant girls at home and "play-eight days later. Jurors needed only 90 minutes to con-fully" attempting strangulation after sex. Returning vict him on nine counts of murder, sternly rejecting with a vengeance during August, Kurten later claimed Kurten's INSANITY DEFENSE. Sentenced to death by that he had choked a woman by the name of "Ann"

beheading, Kurten informed a psychiatrist that his and dumped her body in the river, but no trace of her greatest thrill of all time would be hearing the blood was ever found. Before the month was out, three other spurt from his own severed neck. He went to the guillo-victims—one a man—were stabbed in hit-and-run

tine, all smiles, on July 2, 1931.

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was caught stealing from classmates. A subsequent A native of San Francisco, Leonard Lake was born July shoplifting arrest drove him to California, where he 20, 1946. His mother sought to teach him pride in the joined the Marine Corps after a hit-and-run incident, human body by encouraging Lake to photograph nude falsely listing his birthplace as Bloomington, Indiana.

girls, including his sisters and cousins, but the "pride"

An expert martial artist and self-styled "ninja warrior,"

soon developed into a precocious obsession with Ng talked incessantly of violence to his fellow leather-pornography. In adolescence, Lake extorted sexual necks. In October 1979, he led two accomplices in favors from his sisters, in return for protection from the stealing $11,000 worth of automatic weapons from a violent outbursts of a younger brother, Donald. By his marine arsenal in Hawaii and found himself under teens, Leonard displayed

a fascination with the concept arrest. During psychiatric evaluation, Ng boasted of of collecting “slaves.” Lake joined the Marine Corps in

“assassinating” someone in California, but he never got 1966 and served a noncombatant tour in Vietnam, as a around to naming the victim. He escaped from custody radar operator. He also underwent two years of psychi-before trial and was listed as a deserter when he atric therapy at Camp Pendleton for unspecified mental answered Lake’s ad in a war gamer’s magazine, in 1981.

problems before his ultimate discharge in 1971.

The two men hit it off at once, in spite of Lake’s Back in civilian life, Lake moved to San Jose and got racism, which seemed to encompass only African Amer-married, developing a local reputation as a gun buff, icans and Hispanics. They began collecting automatic

“survivalist,” and sex freak. His favorite high was film-weapons from illegal sources, and a team of federal ing bondage scenes, including female partners other agents raided the Ukiah ranch in April 1982, arresting than his wife, and he was soon divorced. In 1980, Lake Lake and Ng for firearms violations. Released on was charged with grand theft after looting building $6,000 bond, Lake promptly went into hiding, using a materials from a construction site, but he got off easy variety of pseudonyms as he drifted around northern with one year’s probation. Married a second time in California. His second wife divorced him after the August 1981, he moved with his wife to a communal arrest, but they remained on friendly terms. As a fugi-ranch at Ukiah, California, where a “Renaissance”

tive, Ng was denied bail, and he struck a bargain with lifestyle was practiced—complete with period costumes military prosecutors in August, pleading guilty to theft and surgical alteration of goats to produce “unicorns.”

in return for a promise that he would serve no more A few months after his arrival in Ukiah, Lake met Char-than three years of a 14-year sentence. Confined to the lie Ng.

military stockade at Leavenworth federal prison, Ng Hong Kong–born in 1961, Charles Chitat Ng was

was paroled after 18 months, avoiding deportation the son of wealthy Chinese parents. Forever in trouble, with a reference to the phony birthplace shown on his Ng was expelled from school in Hong Kong and then enlistment papers. On release from prison, he returned from an expensive

private school in England, where he to California and again teamed up with Leonard Lake.

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By that time, Lake had settled on two and a half before they could detain him. The car was still outside, acres of woodland near Wilseyville in Calaveras however, and officers found a bearded white man at the County, enlisting the help of neighbors to construct a wheel. He cheerfully produced a driver’s license in the fortified bunker beside his cabin, where he stockpiled name of “Robin Stapley,” but he bore no resemblance to illegal weapons and stolen video equipment. His every its photograph. A brief

examination of the Honda's thought was recorded in various diaries, including trunk turned up the stolen vise, along with a silencer-details of "Operation Miranda," entailing the collection equipped .22-caliber pistol. Booked on theft and of sex slaves to serve his needs after the anticipated weapons charges, "Stapley" evaded questions for sev-nuclear holocaust. On the subject of females, Lake eral hours, then asked for a drink of water, gulping a wrote: "God meant women for cooking, cleaning house cyanide capsule removed from a secret compartment in and sex. And when they are not in use, they should be his belt buckle. He was comatose on arrival at the hospi-locked up." An oft-repeated motto in the diaries tal, where he would linger on life-support equipment for advised, "If you love something, let it go. If it doesn't the next four days, finally pronounced dead on June 6.

come back, hunt it down and kill it." On February 25, A fingerprint comparison identified "Stapely" as 1984, shortly before his reunion with Ng, Lake Leonard Lake, but the driver's license was not a forgery.

described his life as "Mostly dull day-to-day routine, Its original owner was also the founder of San Diego's still with death in my pocket and fantasy my major Guardian Angels chapter—and he had not been seen at goal." If authorities are correct, the first death in Lake's home for several weeks. The Honda's license plate was pocket may have claimed his brother Donald, reported registered to Lake, but the vehicle was not. Its owner of missing by their mother—and never seen again—after record, 39-year-old Paul Cosner, was a San Francisco he went to visit Lake in July 1983.

car dealer who had disappeared in November 1984, On June 2, 1985, employees of a lumberyard in

after leaving home to sell the car to "a weird guy."

South San Francisco called police to report a peculiar Lake's auto registration led detectives to the property shoplifting incident. An Asian man had walked out of in Wilseyville, where they discovered weapons, torture the store with a $75 vise, placed it in the trunk of a devices, and Lake's voluminous diaries. Serial numbers Honda auto parked outside, and then escaped on foot on Lake's video equipment traced ownership to Harvey Dubs, a San Francisco photographer reported missing from home—along with his wife Deborah and infant son Sean—on July 25, 1984. As detectives soon

learned, the stolen equipment had been used to produce ghoulish "home movies" of young women being

stripped and threatened, raped and tortured, at least one of them mutilated so savagely that she must have died as a result. Lake and Ng were the principal stars of the snuff tapes, but one of their "leading ladies" was quickly identified as the missing Deborah Dubs.

Another reluctant "actress" was Brenda O'Connor, who once occupied the cabin adjacent to Lake's with her husband, Lonnie Bond, and their infant son Lonnie Jr. They had known Lake as "Charles Gunnar," an alias lifted from the best man at Lake's second wedding (and another missing person, last seen alive in 1983). O'Connor was afraid of "Gunnar," telling friends that she had seen him plant a woman's body in the woods, but rather than inform police, her husband had invited a friend—Guardian Angel Robin Stapely—to share their quarters and offer personal protection. All four had disappeared in May 1985.

Another snuff tape victim, 18-year-old Kathleen Allen, made the acquaintance of Lake and Ng through her boyfriend, 23-year-old Mike Carroll. Carroll had served time with Ng at Leavenworth and later came west to join him in various shady enterprises. Allen abandoned her Charles Chitat Ng (Wide World API)

job at a supermarket after Lake informed her that Car-154

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roll had been shot and wounded "near Lake Tahoe,"

and three members of the Dubs family. (Remains of offering to show her where he was. Her final paycheck Stapely and Lonnie Bond were found in a common had been mailed to Lake's address in Wilseyville.

grave on July 9, bringing the official body count to 12.) Aside from videocassettes, authorities retrieved Ng was also charged as an accessory to murder in the numerous still photos from Lake's bunker, including disappearance of Paul Cosner.

snapshots of Lake in long "witchy" robes, and photos On July 6, 1985, Ng was arrested while shoplifting of 21 young women captured in various stages of food from a market in Calgary, Alberta. A security undress. Six were finally identified and found alive; the guard was shot in the hand before Ng was subdued.

other 15 have remained elusive, despite publication of Charges of attempted murder were reduced to aggra-the photographs, and police suspect that most or all of vated assault, robbery, and illegal use of a weapon, with them were murdered on the death ranch.

Ng sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment Gradually, the search moved outward from Lake's upon conviction. On November 29, 1988, a Canadian bunker into the surrounding woods. A vehicle aban-judge ruled that Ng should be extradited to the United doned near the cabin was registered to another missing States for trial on 19 of the 25 felony counts filed person, Sunnyvale photographer Jeffrey Askern, and against him. Ng's appeal of that decision was rejected police soon had a fair idea of what had happened to on August 31, 1989, but further legal maneuvers stalled Lake's vanishing acquaintances. On June 8, portions of his extradition until 1991.

four human skeletons were unearthed near the bunker, Even that was not the end, however, as Charlie Ng with a fifth victim—and numerous charred bone frag-pulled out all the stops, using every trick and legal loop-ments, including infant's teeth—discovered on June 13.

hole in the book to postpone his trial for another seven Number six was turned up five days later and was the years. He fired attorneys, challenged judges, moved for first to be identified. A 34-year-old drifter, Randy Jacob-change of venue (granted, to Orange County), lodged son had last been seen alive in October 1984 when he complaints about jailhouse conditions—in short, used left his San Francisco rooming house to visit Lake and the cumbersome California legal system to hamstring sell his van. Two of Jacobson's neighbors, 26-year-old itself. In October 1997, Ng's stubborn refusal to coop-Cheryl Okoro and 38-year-old Maurice Wok, also on erate with his latest court-appointed attorney won yet the missing list, were linked to the Wilseyville killers by another delay in his trial, with jury selection pushed personal contacts and cryptic notes in Lake's diary.

back to September 1, 1998. Police in San Francisco, Three more skeletons were sorted out of scattered meanwhile, grudgingly admitted "accidentally" des-fragments on June 26, and authorities declared that troying vital evidence in one of the 13 murder counts Lake and Ng were linked to the disappearance of at filed against Ng, but 12 more still remained for his trial.

least 25 persons. One of those was Mike Carroll, who In May 1998, Judge John Ryan permitted Ng to fire his reportedly agreed to dress in "sissy" clothes and lure lawyers and represent himself, with a stern warning gays for Ng to kill, then died himself when Charlie tired that the trial would begin on September 1, whether of the game. Donald Giuletti, a 36-year-old disc jockey Charlie liked it or not. On July 15, Ng tried for yet in San

Francisco, had offered oral sex through pub-another postponement, claiming that his glasses were lished advertisements, and one of the callers was a

"the wrong prescription" and his personal computer young Asian man who shot Giuletti to death in July was not fully programmed, thus hampering his defense.

1984, critically wounding his roommate at the same Judge Ryan, unmoved, denied the motion and sched-time. Lake's wife recalled that Ng had boasted of shoot-uled pretrial hearings to begin on August 21. Ng's trial ing two homosexuals, and the survivor readily identi-was the longest, most expensive criminal proceeding fied Ng's mug shot as a likeness of the gunman.

ever in a state notorious for courtroom marathons, Two other friends of Ng—and occasional coworkers finally ending on May 3, 1999, when Ng was convicted at a Bay Area warehouse—were also missing. Clifford and the jury recommended death. He was formally con-Parenteau, age 24, had vanished after winning $400 on demned on June 30, 1999.

a Superbowl bet, telling associates that he was going

"to the country" to spend the money with Ng. A short time later, 25-year-old Jeffrey Gerald dropped from **LANDRU, Henri Désiré**

sight after he agreed to help Ng move some furniture.

Born in Paris during 1869, this future "BLUEBEARD"

Neither man was seen again, and Ng was formally was a bright student who studied mechanical engineer-charged with their deaths in two of the 13 first-degree ing at age 16. He served four years in the army, rising to murder counts filed against him. Other victims named the rank of sergeant before his discharge in 1894. Durin the indictment include Mike Carroll, Kathleen Allen, ing the same period, Landru seduced his cousin and she Lonnie Bond and family, Robin Stapely, Don Giuletti, bore him a daughter in 1891, becoming his wife two **155**

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years later. On discharge from the service he enlisted bais villa in November 1916, but their romance was with a Paris firm requiring cash deposits from its new short lived, and the lady vanished on Christmas Day.

employees, but the owner soon absconded with the In January 1917, Landru met a young servant girl, money, leaving Landru bitter at society in general.

Andrée Babelay, at a railway station, offering her a He logged the first of seven felony arrests in 1900 and place to stay while she looked for work. On March 11, was sentenced to a two-year term for fraud. He drew Andrée told her mother she was engaged, and she another two years in 1904, 13 months in 1906, and moved in with Landru full-time on March 29. Penni- three years in 1908. While still imprisoned on the latter less, she had nothing to offer in terms of financial term he was returned to Lille for trial on charges of rewards, but her days were still numbered. By April 12, swindling 15,000 francs from a middle-aged widow he she had vanished without a trace.

met through a newspaper lonely-hearts ad. That convic-In July, after more than two years of running corre-tion earned him another three years, but Landru spondence, Landru began courting Madame Buisson.

accepted his punishment philosophically, fathering three They boarded the train for Gambais on August 19, and more children during his brief vacations from prison.

she was seen no more. Suspicious relatives launched Free on parole in 1914, Landru was suspected by their own investigation in the face of police indifference police of various offenses and convicted in absentia, and began comparing notes with the family of Madame sentenced to a four-year prison term and lifelong depor-Collomb.

tation to New Caledonia, to be imposed upon his Landru, meanwhile, continued his courting apace.

apprehension. He had nothing left to lose except his Madame Jaume met her husband-to-be through a mat-life, and by the outbreak of the war in Europe he was rimonial agent, moving to Gambais on November 25, risking that, as well.

1917. Five days later, Landru cleaned out her bank In 1914, posing as “Monsieur Diard,” he struck up account. Madam Pascal joined the list on April 5, 1918, an acquaintance with a widow, Madame Cuchet, and her furniture sold as an afterthought. Madame Mar-her 16-year-old son. Despite warnings from her family, chadier accepted Landru’s proposal on New Year’s Day the lady furnished a villa at Vernouillet and the three of 1919; she moved to Gambais two weeks later . . . and them set up housekeeping. The Cuchets disappeared in vanished.

January 1915, with Landru pocketing 5,000 francs on Pressure from the Buisson and Collomb families the deal and presenting his wife with the

woman’s gold eventually forced police to arrest Landru on April 12, watch as a gift.

1919. A notebook was found, bearing cryptic notations In early June 1915, Landru began courting another on each of his victims, but excavations at the villa widow, Madame Laborde-Line. She sold off her furni-unearthed only the remains of three dogs. No trace of ture on June 21, telling friends she was going to live his human prey was ever found, and Landru remained with her future husband at Vernouillet. Madame uncooperative, certain that he would go free in the Laborde-Line was last seen alive on June 26, after absence of bodies.

which Landru sold her securities and other belongings Prosecutors disagreed, and his trial at Versailles in for cash.

November 1919 became a sensation. Neighbors from Meeting his victims through lonely-hearts ads had Gambais recalled the rancid smoke sporadically pro-become a routine, and by the time he disposed of his duced by Landru’s chimney, most likely the result of second mark Landru had two more waiting in the bodies burning in his incinerator, and the court was sat-wings. A Madame Guillin, 51, joined him at Vernouillet isfied. Convicted of murder, he was sentenced to die in on August 2, and Landru sold off her securities a few spite of the jury’s recommendation for clemency. Taking days later. By December, a series of forged documents his secrets to the grave, Landru was guillotined on Feb-had siphoned 12,000 francs from the missing woman’s ruary 23, 1922.

bank account.

Calling himself “Dupont,” Landru rented a villa at Gambais, south of Paris, in December 1915. His latest **LEE, Bruce**

paramour, Madame Héon, joined him there on Decem-Born Peter George Dinsdale in 1960, Britain’s most prober 8 and was never seen again. Her friends were briefly lific serial killer of modern times was the son of a pros-pacified by notes from Landru, each explaining that the titute and afflicted from birth with epilepsy, partial woman could no longer write herself because of failing paralysis, and a deformed right arm. Until the age of health.

three, he lived with his maternal grandmother, after-Victim number six, Madame Collomb, had corre-

ward joining his mother and her common-law husband sponded with Landru since May 1915, accepting his until their relationship disintegrated.

Until the age of pledges of true-blue affection. She moved into his Gam-16, Dinsdale attended a school for the physically handi-156

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capped and was there introduced to homosexual practices that, in the words of his prosecutors, “eventually led to his downfall and discovery.” At age 19, Dinsdale legally changed his name to Bruce Lee, in emulation of the kung fu movie star he idolized.

A classic pyromaniac, Lee would explain in his confessions that a tingling in his fingers signaled him that it was time to light a fire. His first act of ARSON, at age nine, caused more than $30,000 damage to a

shopping center. Lee's normal technique involved dumping paraffin through a mail slot, followed by a match to light the fuel.

Lee scored his first fatality in June of 1973. On January 5, 1977, 11 elderly men were killed and six rescuers injured when he torched a nursing home. Slapped by an old man in an altercation over Lee's disturbing some pigeons, Bruce threatened to kill his assailant. Later, the birds were all found with their necks wrung, and the man was burned to death in his armchair at home. The death was ruled an accident until, years later, Lee confessed that he had found the man asleep and set his clothes afire with paraffin.

In 1980, a house fire on Selby Street in Hull killed Edith Hastie and her three sons. Police found paper soaked in paraffin near the front door, but the Hasties were so unpopular with their neighbors that everyone in the vicinity was suspect. Some 18,000 persons were questioned before police discovered that Charles Gary Lewingdon (Author's collection)

Hastie, one of the victims, was acquainted with various homosexuals who patronized public restrooms near his home. A group of suspects was rounded up, including man with multiple shots to the head. Robbery appeared Lee, who confessed to a series of fires spanning the past to be the motive, but police were less certain on April 8

11 years. In all, 26 persons had died by his hand, and when 77-year-old Jenkin Jones was gunned down in his multiple manslaughter charges were filed.

home, shot six times in the head, his four dogs killed Pleading guilty on all counts, Lee was sentenced to an nearby.

indefinite term in a mental hospital. As his prosecutor The same gun was used in both crimes, and ballistics remarked, "The sad fact is that this is his only real tests matched again on April 30 when Rev. Gerald accomplishment in life, and something he had expressed Fields was killed in Columbus while working part-time himself as being proud of." Lee described his motive as a security guard. Three weeks later, on May 21, the more compellingly. "I am devoted to fire," he said. "Fire gunman cornered 47-year-old Jerry Martin and his wife is my master, and that is why I cause these fires."

Martha in their home, snuffing both victims with close-range shots to the head.

Police played a hunch, dusting off their files on an **LEWINGDON, Gary James and Thaddeus Charles**

unsolved shooting from December 1977. Joyce Vermil-Between February and December 1978, residents of lion and Karen Dodrill had been ambushed on December Columbus, Ohio, were panicked by a string of random, 10, gunned down after work at a Newark, Ohio, restau-senseless murders, characterized by nocturnal ambushes rant, and detectives examined the nine slugs retrieved and home invasions, during which victims were shot from their bodies. Again the bullets matched, and that numerous times at close range. Police were stymied in made nine dead in a little over five months' time.

their search for the ".22-caliber Killer" and only a The final victim, 56-year-old Joseph Annick, was clumsy mistake by one gunman prevented the crimes robbed of his wallet and shot nine times in his own from continuing indefinitely.

garage on December 4, 1978. A different .22 was used, On February 12, 1978, a prowler invaded the home but homicide investigators recognized the classic style of nightclub owner Robert McCann, executing him, his of overkill, and none of them had any doubts when mother Dorothy, and live-in girlfriend Christine Herd-Annick joined the victims list as number 10.

LI Wenxian

convicted him on eight counts, failing to reach a verdict on two others. His sentence was fixed at eight consecutive life terms, plus a $45,000 fine.

LI Wenxian

Hard-line communist societies face a built-in disability in dealing with serial killers, since state propaganda denies the existence of crime in a "workers' paradise."

Russian authorities learned the grim truth over a span of two decades from butchers like GENNADIY MIKHASEVICH (33 victims), ANDREI

CHIKATILO (55 dead), ANATOLY ONOPRIENKO (at least 52 slain), and "IVAN THE

RIPPER" (never publicly identified), but the notion of serial killers was still new to Red China in 1991 when a faceless stalker surfaced in Guangzhou (formerly Canton).

The slasher's first victim was reportedly found on February 22, 1991, described vaguely as a woman in her early twenties. Her genitals were carved out with a knife, but the mutilation did not prevent police from finding unspecified "evidence of sexual intercourse."

Five more slayings followed in the next six months, each victim reportedly subjected to a sexual assault, then smothered, stabbed, or strangled, after which the bodies were dismembered, stuffed in rice bags, and Thaddeus Lewingdon (Author's collection)

dumped on rubbish heaps in the bleak suburbs where Guangzhou's "floating population" lives in dismal squalor. And then, the murders stopped.

The case broke on December 9 when 38-year-old

Thus far, there had been no press coverage of the Gary Lewingdon presented Annick's stolen credit card to crimes in China, marking the case as a "success" in a clerk in a local department store. Arrested on the spot, terms of propaganda, even though the murderer

he was detained on suspicion of murder while detectives remained at large. Chinese authorities ran out of luck in examined his rap sheet. Discharged from the air force in March of 1992 when a seventh victim washed ashore in 1962, Lewingdon had lived with his mother until 1977

the nearby British colony of Hong Kong. As described when he married one of victim Robert McCann's night-in the *South China Morning Post*, number seven had club waitresses. Along the way, he had logged arrests for been slit from throat to stomach, then crudely stitched petty larceny, possession of criminal tools, indecent shut again, her fingers severed almost as an after-exposure, and carrying a concealed weapon. None of the thought. Because no women were reported missing charges had led to conviction, but this time detectives from Hong Kong, it was assumed the corpse had

were sure that they had their man cold.

floated in from mainland China, and thus the

In custody, Lewingdon swiftly confessed to his role

“Guangzhou Ripper” was belatedly exposed.

in the “.22-caliber murders,” fingering his brother Even then, it was impossible for homicide investiga-Thaddeus as the other triggerman. Search parties recov-tors, reared from childhood under Communism, to ered the murder weapons, stolen from a gunshop in believe that their system would spawn such a monster.

November 1977, and the brothers were indicted on Zhu Minjian, head of Guangzhou’s provincial Criminal December 14, Gary facing 20 felony counts, while Investigation Department, told reporters, “In all my thirty Thaddeus was hit with 17.

years with the force, I have never come across anything On February 19, 1979, Thaddeus Lewingdon was

like this. Perhaps he copied from the West.” Zhu said convicted of the Vermillion, Dodrill, and Jones homi-there had been “progress” in the case, but he was not pre-cides. A month later, on March 26, he was convicted of pared to share the details. “We’re putting a lot of effort the McCann-Martin murders and sentenced to six into this case,” he declared. “We’ve got to solve it.”

terms of life imprisonment. Brother Gary went to trial Still, the murders continued for another four years, for all 10 homicides on May 14; 12 days later, the jury some victims bludgeoned with a hammer in addition to

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being choked and stabbed repeatedly. Thirteen women age five, when he was knocked unconscious in a fall were dead by November 1996 when the Ripper made from a swing and one eyelid was skewered on a stick.

his first mistake, leaving his latest victim alive. The The following year he was thrown from his bicycle, woman identified her attacker as Li Wenxian, a one-crashing headfirst into a parked car, with injuries includ-time farmer from southern Guangdong province who ing loss of several teeth and a severe concussion. At age had migrated to Guangzhou in 1991 and found work seven, he fell from a pony onto his head, remaining with a construction team. In custody, Li confessed to dizzy and nauseous for several weeks after the accident.

the attacks, telling police that he was motivated by At age 13, Long met the girl who would become his revenge against all prostitutes, since one of them had wife and simultaneously gave up sleeping with his cheated him a short time after his arrival in Guangzhou.

mother. Various accounts agree that he was dominated Convicted by the Intermediate People's Court on by his girlfriend almost from the moment of their meet-charges of murder, rape, and robbery, Li was sentenced ing, but his mother kept her hand in, too, the females in to death on December 18, 1996.

his life apparently cooperating rather than competing.

Long enlisted in the army prior to marriage, and he crashed a motorcycle six months later, shattering his hel-

"LINKAGE Blindness": Law enforcement problem met with the impact of his skull on asphalt. Convalesc-A phrase coined by Dr. Steven Egger in 1984, "linkage ing in the hospital, he was alternately stricken by blindness" describes the frequent inability (or deliberate blinding headaches and unpredictable violent rages, and refusal) of some police departments to recognize links he discovered a new obsession with sex. While still in a between the several crimes committed by a serial killer cast, Long masturbated five times a day to relieve him-at large. The problem is exacerbated by nomadic killers self, continuing the practice at home despite twice-daily who cross jurisdictional lines and by the often bitter rivalry between law enforcement agencies. (In Los Angeles, for instance, relations between the city police and county sheriff's office were so strained that the local FBI field office maintained duplicate teams to investigate bank robberies, one each for coordination with LAPD and the sheriff's department.) That rivalry intensifies in jurisdictions where state or local police are at odds with the FBI over prior conflicts, and some departments withhold cooperation from federal programs such as VICAP. Sadly, the net

result of such squabbling is seen in the handiwork of criminals who might be apprehended earlier if all concerned in tracking them were able to cooperate.

LONG, Robert Joe

A distant cousin of HENRY LUCAS on his mother's side, born October 14, 1953, at Kenova, West Virginia, Long may be the classic case of someone "destined" to become a serial killer. With other members of his family, he suffered from a genetic disorder characterized by an extra X chromosome, causing his glands to produce abnormal amounts of estrogen in puberty, with the result that his breasts began to enlarge. Surgery removed six pounds of excess tissue from his chest, but the resultant gender confusion remained, perhaps exacerbated by his mother, who shared Long's bed until he reached age 13. (Long's mother, twice divorced, denies his allegations that he watched her entertain numerous male "visitors" in their one-room apartment.)

Aside from genetic and family problems, Long also suffered a series of grievous head injuries beginning at Robert Joe Long (Wide World API)

intercourse with his wife. Still it was not enough, and money from the school, his flight allegedly precipitated soon he began to search for prey.

by a teacher's sexual advances.

Between 1980 and 1983, Long terrorized the com-Six years passed before the future "Monster of the munities of Miami, Ocala, and Fort Lauderdale as the Andes" left another mark on public records, this time

"Classified Ad Rapist," answering "For Sale" ads in charged and sent to prison for theft of an automobile.

newspapers and in midday attacks preying on house-On his second day behind bars, 18-year-old Pedro was wives who had placed them. Dropping by while their gang-raped by four older inmates, a risk run by young husbands were working, Long typically pulled a knife, men in jails the world over. Instead of reporting the bound his victims, raped them violently, and robbed crime, López fashioned himself a crude knife and went their homes before he fled. Convicted of rape in out for revenge, killing three of his assailants in the next November 1981, Long was cleared on appeal through two weeks. Authorities described the homicides as self-discovery of "witnesses" alleging the victim's consent, defense and tacked a token

two years onto Pedro’s sen-and so the attacks continued, with murder shortly tence.

added to his list of crimes.

On release from prison, López started stalking young Unlike the 50 women raped by Long, his murder vic-girls with a vengeance; by 1978 the killer estimated he tims were selected from the ranks of prostitutes, nude had raped and slain at least 100 in Peru. His specialty dancers, or other women whom he viewed as “tramps.”

appeared to be abducting children from Indian tribes, Between May and November 1984, he strangled,

but the technique backfired when he was captured by a stabbed, and shot at least nine victims, with a 10th sus-group of Ayachucos in northern Peru while attempting pected by police but never charged against him. In early to kidnap a nine-year-old girl. López was beaten by his November, he snatched a 17-year-old girl off the Street captors, stripped, and tortured. The Ayachucos were and raped her, sparing her life out of pity when she about to bury him alive when a female American mis-described acts of incest performed by her father. In sionary intervened, convincing Pedro’s captors that they releasing a victim capable of describing him and his car, should deliver him to the police. They grudgingly Long sealed his own fate, but police were too slow to agreed and López was deported within days, Peruvian save victim Kim Swann, murdered two days later in a authorities declining to waste valuable time on Indian final frenzy.

complaints.

Arrested on November 17, 1984, Long was charged Once more at liberty, López began traveling widely with nine counts of first-degree murder plus felony in Colombia and Ecuador, selecting victims with counts of abduction, rape, and sexual assault on his impunity. A sudden rash of missing girls in three adja-surviving victim. Convicted at trial in early 1985, he cent nations was ascribed to the activity of slavery or was sentenced to die and remains on death row at this prostitution rings, but the authorities had no firm evi-writing, still awaiting execution.

dence and no suspects. The case broke in April 1980

when a flash flood near Ambato, Ecuador, uncovered bodies of four missing children. Days later, Carvina **LOTTI, Giancarlo**

See “MONSTER OF FLORENCE”

Poveda observed López leaving the Plaza Rosa marketplace with her 12-year-old daughter. Summoning help, she pursued him and López was captured by townspeo-LÓPEZ, Pedro Alonzo

ple and held for police who began to suspect that they Pedro López was the seventh child of 13, born in might have a madman in custody.

squalor to a prostitute in the village of Tolima, Colom-In the face of Pedro's stubborn silence, police tried a bia. Exiled from the family hovel at age eight after his new stratagem. Dressing a priest, Father Córdoba mother caught him fondling a younger sister, Pedro Gudino, in prison garb, they placed him in a cell with was picked off the street by a pedophile who offered López, leaving Gudino to win the suspect's confidence, him food and a place to stay. Instead, the boy was swapping stories of real or imagined crimes late into the taken to a derelict building and raped, a trauma that night. At length, when the padre had heard enough, apparently did irreparable damage to his already López was confronted with the evidence of his own twisted psyche.

admissions and he broke down, making a full confes-Homeless, terrified of strangers, Pedro slept in alleys sion. Liaison with authorities in Peru and Colombia and empty market stalls, drifting from town to town substantiated parts of the prisoner's grisly, almost and living hand-to-mouth on the streets. In Bogotá, an incredible story.

American family took López in, providing him with free According to Pedro's best estimate, he had murdered room and board and enrolling him in a day school for at least 110 girls in Ecuador, perhaps 100 in Colombia, orphans. At age 12, Pedro ran away after stealing and "many more than 100" in Peru. "I like the girls in **160**

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Ecuador," he told police. "They are more gentle and encounter with a freight train—dragged himself around trusting. They are not as suspicious of strangers as the house and tried to drown his personal humiliation Colombian girls."

in a nonstop flow of liquor.

In the course of his confessions, López made an The Lucas brood consisted of nine children, but sev-effort to invest his crimes with philosophical trappings.

eral were farmed out to relatives, institutions, and fos-

“I lost my innocence at age eight,” he told interrogater homes over the years. Henry was one of those tors, “so I decided to do the same to as many young

“lucky” enough to remain with his parents, and Viola girls as I could.” Trolling village markets for selected appears to have hated him from the moment of birth, targets with “a certain look of innocence,” López first seizing every opportunity to make his life a hell on raped his victims, then stared into their eyes as he stran-earth. Both Anderson and Henry were the targets of her gled them, deriving sadistic pleasure from watching violent outbursts, man and boy alike enduring wicked them die. Hunting by daylight, so darkness could not beatings, forced to witness the parade of strangers who hide their death throes, López allegedly sought out one shared Viola’s bed. Sickened by one such episode, victim immediately after another, his bloodlust becom-Anderson Lucas dragged himself outside to spend a ing insatiable over time.

night in the snow, there contracting a fatal case of pneu-Police were initially skeptical of their suspect’s monia.

grandiose claims, but doubts evaporated after López led Henry survived, after a fashion, but his mother’s cru-detectives to 53 graves in the vicinity of Ambato, stand-elty knew no restraint. When Lucas entered school in ing by in chains as they unearthed the remains of girls 1943, she curled his stringy hair in ringlets, dressed him aged eight to 12. At 28 other sites, searchers came up as a girl, and sent him off to class that way. Barefoot empty in the wake of raids by predatory animals, but until a kindly teacher bought him shoes, Henry was the police were now convinced. Originally charged with beaten at home for accepting the gift. If Henry found a 53 murders, López saw the ante boosted to 110 as a pet, his mother killed it, and he came to understand that result of his detailed confessions. As Major Victor Las-life—like sex—was cheap. When Henry’s eye was

cano, director of the Ambato prison, explained: “If gashed, reportedly while playing with a knife, Viola let someone confesses to fifty-three you find and hundreds it fester until doctors had to surgically remove the with-more you don’t, you tend to believe what he says.” Las-ered orb, replacing it with glass. On one occasion, after cano also told reporters that “I think his estimate of he was beaten with a piece of lumber, Henry lay semi-300 is very low, because in the beginning he cooperated conscious for three days

before Viola's live-in lover, with us and took us each day to three or four hidden

"Uncle Bernie," took him to a hospital for treatment.

corpses. But then he tired, changed his mind, and Bernie also introduced the boy to bestiality, teaching stopped helping."

Henry to kill various animals after they were raped and The change of heart came too late to let the "Mon-tortured. At age 15, anxious to try sex with a human ster of the Andes" off the hook. Convicted on 57 mur-being, Lucas picked up a girl near Lynchburg, strangled der counts in Ecuador, López was sentenced to life her when she resisted his clumsy advances, and buried imprisonment—a penalty that normally amounts to 16

her corpse in the woods near Harrisburg, Virginia.

years in custody, since consecutive terms are forbidden (The March 1951 disappearance of 17-year-old Laura by law. Few observers believed that parole would ever Burnley would remain unsolved for three decades until liberate the man billed by the *Guinness Book of World* Lucas confessed the murder in 1983.)

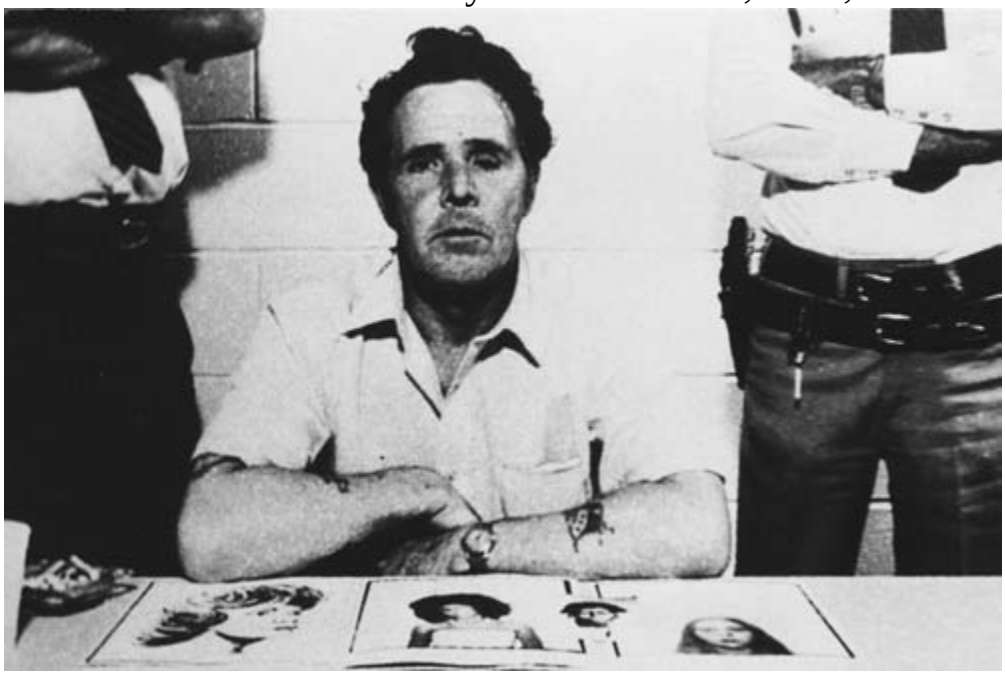
Records as the world's most prolific serial killer, but jus-In June 1954, a series of burglaries around Rich-tice was blind. Authorities released López in 1996 and mond earned Lucas a six-year prison term. He walked deported him to Colombia. He is presumed to be at away from a road gang on September 14, 1957, and large today, living under a pseudonym.

authorities tracked him to his sister's home in Tecumseh, Michigan, three months later. A second escape attempt, in December 1957, saw Lucas recaptured the **LUCAS, Henry Lee**

same day, and he was discharged from prison on Sep-America's most controversial murderer was born tember 2, 1959.

August 23, 1936, at Blacksburg, Virginia. The Lucas Back in Tecumseh, Henry was furious when his 74-family home was a two-room dirt-floor cabin in the year-old mother turned up on his doorstep, nagging woods outside of town, where Henry's alcoholic par-him incessantly with her demands that he return to ents brewed bootleg whiskey, his mother doing occa-Blacksburg. Both of them were drinking on the night of sional turns as the neighborhood prostitute. Viola January 11, 1960, when she struck him with a broom Lucas ran her family with an iron hand, while husband and Henry struck back with a knife, leaving her dead Anderson—dubbed "No Legs" after his drunken

on the floor. Arrested five days later in Toledo, Ohio, **161**



LUCAS, Henry Lee

Jacksonville roofing company, Southeast Color Coat, but they often missed work as they answered the call of the highway. Two years later, after Toole's mother and sister died a few months apart, Becky and Frank were placed in juvenile homes. Lucas helped spring them both, and they made a quartet on the road, Frank Powell witnessing deeds that would drive him into a mental institution by 1983.

Authorities came looking for Becky Powell in January 1982, and she fled westward with Lucas. In Hemet, California, they met Jack and O'Bere Smart, spending four months with the couple as house guests and hired hands, refinishing furniture to earn their keep. In May, O'Bere Smart had a brainstorm, dispatching Lucas and Henry Lee Lucas, with sketches of several victims (Author's Powell to care for her 80-year-old mother, Kate Rich, in collection)

Ringgold, Texas.

Henry and Becky arrived on May 14, spending four days with Rich and cashing two $50 checks on her Lucas confessed to the murder and boasted of raping bank account before relatives booted them out of the his mother's corpse, a detail he later retracted as "some-house. Thumbing their way out of town, they were thing I made up." Convicted in March 1960, he drew a picked up by Ruben Moore and invited to join his reli-term of 20 to 40

years in prison. Two months later, he gious commune—the All People's House of Prayer—

was transferred to Ionia's state hospital for the crimi-near Stoneburg, Texas. Becky grew homesick in August nally insane, where he remained until April 1966.

and they set off, hitchhiking, on August 23. Camped Paroled on June 3, 1970, Lucas went back to Tecumseh out that night in Denton County, they began to quarrel.

and moved in with relatives.

Becky made the grave mistake of slapping Lucas, and In December 1971, Henry was booked on a charge he stabbed her on the spot, dismembering her corpse of molesting two teenage girls. The charge was reduced and scattering its parts in the desert.

to simple kidnapping at his trial, and Lucas went back Back in Stoneburg next morning, Lucas explained to prison at Jackson. Paroled in August 1975 over his that Becky had "run off" with a trucker. Kate Rich own objections, Henry found brief employment at a dropped from sight three weeks later, on September 16, Pennsylvania mushroom farm, then married Betty and police grew suspicious when Lucas left town the Crawford—the widow of a cousin—in December 1975.

next day. His car was later found abandoned in Nee-Three months later they moved to Port Deposit, Mary-dles, California, on September 21. An arsonist burned land, and Betty divorced him in the summer of 1977, Kate Rich's home on October 17, and deputies were charging that Lucas molested her daughters from a pre-waiting when Lucas surfaced in Stoneburg the follow-vious marriage.

ing day. Held on a fugitive warrant from Maryland, he Meanwhile, according to Henry's confessions, he was released when authorities there dropped pending had already launched a career in random murder, trav-charges of auto theft.

eling and killing as the spirit moved him, claiming vic-Chafing under surveillance, Lucas huddled with tims in Maryland and others farther afield. In late 1976

Ruben Moore on June 4, 1983, declaring an intent to he met 29-year-old OTTIS TOOLE at a Jacksonville,

"clear his name" by finding Powell and Rich, wherever Florida, soup kitchen. The homosexual Toole was an they might be. He left a pistol with

Moore for safekeep-arsonist and serial killer in his own right, and they hit it ing and rolled out of town in a wheezing old junker.

off immediately, swapping grisly tales of their adven-Four days later, Moore was summoned to fetch him tures in homicide. Over the next six and a half years, from San Juan, New Mexico, where his car had given Lucas and Toole were fast friends, occasional lovers, up the ghost. Returning to Stoneburg on June 11, Lucas and frequent traveling companions, taking their mur-was jailed as an ex-con possessing a handgun. Four derous act on the road.

nights later he summoned the jailer, pressing his face to A bachelor again by 1978, Lucas moved in with

the bars of his cage as he whispered, “I’ve done some Toole’s family in Jacksonville. There, he met Toole’s bad things.”

niece and nephew, Frieda and Frank Powell, falling Over the next 18 months, Lucas confessed to a seem-slowly in love with the 10-year-old girl who called heringly endless series of murders, bumping his estimated self Becky. In 1979, Lucas and Toole were hired by a body count from 75 to 100, then from 150 to 360, toss-162

ing in murders by friends and associates to reach a total were also problems with Henry’s retraction. Soon after

“way over 500.” Ottis Toole, then serving time on a the Aynesworth story broke, Lucas smuggled a letter to Florida ARSON charge, was implicated in many of the author Jerry Potter, claiming that he had been drugged crimes, and Toole chimed in with more confessions of and forced to recant. A local minister, close to Lucas his own. Some of the crimes, said Lucas, were commit-since his 1983 “conversion,” produced a tape recording ted under orders from a nationwide satanic cult, the of Henry’s voice, warning listeners not to believe the

“Hand of Death,” that he had joined at Toole’s request.

new stories emerging from prison.

Toole sometimes ate the flesh of victims they had killed, The most curious part of Henry’s new tale was the but Lucas abstained. His reason: “I don’t like barbecue role of Hugh Aynesworth, himself. In his newspaper sauce.”

series, Aynesworth claimed to have known of the Detectives from around the country gathered in

“hoax”—hearing the details from Henry’s own lips—

Monroe, Louisiana, in October 1983, comparing notes since October 1983. A month later, on November 9, and going home convinced that Toole and Lucas were Aynesworth signed a contract to write Henry’s biogra- responsible for at least 69 murders. A second confer-phy. In September 1984, he appeared on the CBS *Night-ence at Monroe in January 1984 raised the total to 81.*

watch program, offering no objections as videotapes of By March 1985, police in 20 states had “cleared” 90

Henry’s confessions were aired. As late as February murders for Lucas alone, plus another 108 committed 1985, Aynesworth published a Lucas interview in Pent-with Toole as an accomplice. Henry stood convicted in house magazine, prompting Henry with leading nine deaths, including a death sentence for the slaying remarks about Lucas “killing furiously” and claiming of an unidentified female hitchhiker, and he was for-victims “all over the country” in the 1970s. Through it mally charged with 30 more across the country. Dozens all, the Times-Herald maintained stony silence, allow-of officers visited Lucas in jail, and he also toured the ing the “hoax” to proceed, while dozens (or hundreds) nation under guard, visiting crime scenes, providing of killers presumably remained free on the basis of details from memory. A California tour in August 1984

Henry’s “false” confessions.

“cleared” 14 cases. Five months later, in New Orleans, In retrospect, the Aynesworth series smells strongly of Lucas solved five more. In the first week of April 1985

sour grapes. A clue to the author’s possible motive is he led a caravan through Georgia, closing the books on found in his first article, with a passing reference to the 10 murders.

fact that Lucas had signed an exclusive publishing con-Lucas was barely home from that trip when the

tract with a Waco used-car dealer shortly after his 1983

storm broke on April 15. Writing for the Dallas Times-arrest. The prior existence of that contract scuttled Herald, journalist Hugh Aynesworth prepared a series Aynesworth’s deal, concocted five months later, and pre-of headline articles blasting the “massive hoax” that vented him from winning fame as Lucas’s biographer. The Lucas had perpetrated, misleading homicide detectives next best thing, perhaps, would be to foul the waters

and and the public, sometimes with connivance from the prevent competitors from publishing a book about the officers themselves. According to Aynesworth, overzeal-case. (It is worth noting that Aynesworth omits all men-ous detectives had prompted Lucas with vital bits of tion of his own contract with Lucas, while listing various information, coaching him through his confessions, other authors who tried to "cash in" on the "hoax.") deliberately ignoring evidence that placed him miles Aynesworth produced an elaborate time line to sup-away from various murder scenes at the crucial port his story, comparing Henry's "known movements"

moment. From jail, Lucas joined in by recanting his with various crimes to discredit police, but the final statements across the board. Aside from his mother, he product is riddled with flaws. Aynesworth rules out claimed to have slain only two victims—Powell and numerous murders by placing the Lucas-Toole meeting Rich—in his life. By April 23 he was denying those in 1979, while both killers and numerous independent crimes, despite the fact that he led police to Becky's witnesses describe an earlier meeting in late 1976. (In remains, while Rich's bones were recovered from his fact, Lucas was living with Toole's family in 1978, a year stove at Stoneburg. His mother's death, Lucas pro-before Aynesworth's alleged "first meeting.") The claimed, had been a simple heart attack.

reporter cites pay records from Southeast Color Coat to From the beginning, officers had been aware of prove that the killers seldom left Jacksonville, but office Henry's penchant for exaggeration. One of his first manager Eileen Knight recalls that they would often alleged victims, a Virginia schoolteacher, was found

"come and go." (At the same time, Aynesworth places alive and well by police. Some of his statements were Lucas in West Virginia while he was working in Florida, clearly absurd, including confessions to murders in the same error of which he accuses police.) According to Spain and Japan, plus delivery of poison to the People's Aynesworth, Lucas spent "all the time" between Janu-Temple cultists in Guyana. On the other hand, there ary and March 1978 with girlfriend Rhonda Knuckles, ***163***

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never leaving her side, but that version ignores the testi-TOOLE: Well, maybe that's the two I killed my own mony of a surviving witness, tailed by Lucas across 200

self. Just like that Mexican that wasn't going to let me miles of Colorado and New Mexico in February of that out of the house. I took an ax and chopped him all up.

year. The woman remembers Henry's face and she What made me—I been meaning to ask you. That time recorded his license number for police, but her story is when I cooked some of those people. Why'd I do that?

lost in Aynesworth's account. At one point, Aynesworth LUCAS: I think it was just the hands doing it. I know a is so anxious to clear Henry's name that he lists one vic-lot of the things we done, in human sight, are impossi-tim twice on the time line, murdered on two occasions, ble to believe.

four days apart in July 1981.

Authorities reacted in various ways to Henry's turn-Indeed. And yet, the victims were dispatched, if not around. Arkansas filed new murder charges against him by Toole and Lucas, then by someone else. The truth on April 23, eight days after his change of heart, and may never be revealed, but in the meantime, Lucas other jurisdictions remain unimpressed by his belated remains in prison, authorities convinced of his involve-claim of innocence. In Marrero, Louisiana, relatives of ment in at least 100 homicides. His death sentence was victim Ruth Kaiser point out that Lucas confessed to commuted to life imprisonment on June 26, 1998.

stealing a stereo after he killed the 79-year-old woman, Lucas died in prison on March 12, 2001, but contro-a theft that was never reported and therefore could not versy followed him beyond the grave. Two months after have been "leaked" by police. As they recalled, "He his death, DNA tests eliminated Lucas as a suspect in described things that we had forgotten about, details the November 1978 murder of Lisa Martini, a Ken-that never appeared in the paper and that we never put newick, Washington, teenager whose slaying he con-in the police report."

fessed to in 1984.

Investigator Jim Lawson, of the Scotts Bluff County sheriff's office in Nebraska, questioned Lucas in Sep-LUPO, Michele

tember 1984 regarding the February 1978 murder of A former choir boy in his native Italy, Michele (or schoolteacher Stella McLean. "I purposely tried to trick Michael) Lupo discovered his homosexual tendencies him several times during the interview," Lawson said, while serving with an elite military unit in the early

“but to no avail. We even tried to ‘feed’ him another 1970s. Commando training taught him how to kill homicide from our area to see if he was confessing to bare-handed, and he took the knowledge with him anything and everything in an effort to build a name for when he moved to London in 1975. Starting out as a himself, but he denied any participation in the crime.”

hairdresser, Lupo worked his way up to ownership of a Commander J. T. Duff, intelligence chief for the Geor-stylish boutique, buying himself a $300,000 home in gia Bureau of Investigation, describes Henry’s April 1985

Roland Gardens, South Kensington. Along the way, he tour thus: “Lucas was not provided with any informa-boasted of liaisons with some 4,000 male lovers, tion or directions to any of the crime scenes but gave the recording the intimate details in numerous journals.

information to law enforcement. When a crime scene The consequence for his promiscuity was revealed in was encountered, Lucas voluntarily and freely gave March 1986 when he tested positive for the AIDS virus.

details that only the perpetrator would have known.”

After this Lupo ran amok, indulging his taste for sado-By November 1985, police in 18 states had reopened masochism in a brutal campaign of revenge against the 90 “Lucas cases,” but what of the other 108? And what gay community.

of the November 1983 telephone conversation between On March 15, 1986, 37-year-old James Burns was Lucas in Texas and Toole in Florida, monitored by prowling leather bars in search of a companion for the police? At the time, Henry and Ottis had not seen or night, undeterred by his own diagnosis of AIDS two spoken to each other in at least seven months, deprived weeks earlier. Vagrants found his body in a London of any chance to draft a script, but their dialogue lends basement, mutilated with a razor, sodomized, and chilling support to the later confessions.

smeared with human excrement, his tongue bitten off in LUCAS: Ottis, I don’t want you to think I’m doing this the frenzied attack that took his life. Three weeks later, for revenge.

on the afternoon of April 5, AIDS victim Anthony Con-nolly was found by children playing in a railroad shed, TOOLE: No. I don’t want you to hold back anything his body slashed and smeared with human offal in a about me.

carbon-copy homicide.

LUCAS: See, we got so many of them, Ottis. We got to Lupo was leaving a gay bar on the night of April 18

turn up the bodies. Now, this boy and girl, I don't when he met an elderly tramp on Hungerford Bridge know anything about.

and something inside of him suddenly "screamed out at ***164***

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the world." Assaulting the stranger, Lupo kicked him in stocking, but once more his prey escaped. This time, the groin and strangled him on the spot, afterward police received a full report and escorted the victim on a dumping his body into the Thames. The following day, tour of gay bars to identify the culprit, finally spotting Lupo met Mark Leyland at Charing Cross, and the men Lupo on the night of May 15. A search of Lupo's home made their way to a public restroom for sex. Once there, revealed one room converted to a modern torture Leyland changed his mind, whereupon Lupo pulled an chamber, and his confiscated diaries were reported to iron bar and attacked him. Escaping with his life, Ley-contain the names of many prominent connections.

land reported the incident as a mugging, later telling the Convicted at his trial in July 1987, Lupo received four truth to police after Lupo's arrest. (He has since disap-life sentences and two terms of seven years each (for peared.) Victim Damien McClusky was last seen alive in attempted murder), with the judge's assurance that in a Kensington tavern on April 24, 1986. His body—

his case, "life meant life." Interpol investigated other strangled, raped, and mutilated with a razor—was dis-mutilation deaths in Amsterdam, West Berlin, Ham-covered some time later in a basement flat.

burg, Los Angeles, and New York City, seeking connec-On the night of May 7, Lupo picked up another gay tions to Lupo and his various trips abroad, but no partner, attempting to strangle him with a black nylon further charges were filed.

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tive. The younger man, identified as 29-year-old The gully known as Kingsbury Run lies like a scar Edward Andrassy, was a bisexual ex-convict with a across the face of downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Sixty long record of

petty arrests in Cleveland. Retraction of feet deep in places, the ancient creek bed is lined with the neck muscles on both corpses pointed to decapita-more than 30 pairs of railroad tracks serving local faction as the likely cause of death.

tories and distant cities, bearing cargo to Pittsburgh, On January 26, 1936, a Cleveland butcher was

Chicago, or Youngstown or whisking commuters to alerted to the presence of "some meat in a basket"

posh bedroom communities like Shaker Heights. Dur-behind his shop. Investigating, he was stunned to find ing the Great Depression, Kingsbury Run was also a two human thighs, one arm, and the lower half of a favorite camp site for hoboes and a playground for chil-woman's torso. The upper torso, lower legs, and miss-dren with time on their hands. In the latter 1930s, it ing arm were found behind a vacant house on February became the focal point of America's most fascinating 7 several blocks away, but fingerprints had already murder mystery—a puzzle that endures to this day —

identified the victim as Florence Polillo, a 41-year-old though, in fact, the case had its origins elsewhere, on prostitute. Her head was never found.

the shores of Lake Erie.

Four months later, on June 5, two boys found the sev-On September 5, 1934, a driftwood hunter found the ered head of a man in Kingsbury Run, a mile from the lower portion of a woman's torso buried in sand at spot where Andrassy and his nameless companion were Euclid Beach, eight miles east of downtown Cleveland.

found in September 1935. Railroad workers found the The victim's legs were severed at the knees, her skin dis-matching body on June 6, but victim number five colored by the application of a chemical preservative. A remained anonymous, despite publication of numerous coroner extrapolated height and age from the pathetic distinctive tattoos. His fingerprints were not on file in evidence available, but victim number one did not Cleveland, and he had not been reported missing.

resemble any of Cleveland's known missing women.

On July 22, 1936, the naked, headless body of an She was never identified, police adding insult to injury unknown man was found beside Big Creek in the sub-by their stubborn refusal to count her as an "official"

urb of Brooklyn, across town from Kingsbury Run. The victim once a pattern of crime became apparent.

only victim slain on Cleveland's southwest side, this A year later, on September 23, 1935, boys playing in new "John Doe" would also be the only victim killed Kingsbury Run found two headless male bodies, nude where he was found. Decomposition foiled all efforts to but for stockings worn by the younger victim. Both had identify the corpse.

been emasculated, and their severed heads were found A hobo spotted number seven—or a portion of

nearby. The older victim, unidentified, had died at least him—in Kingsbury Run on September 10, 1936. The five days before the younger, and his skin possessed a dismembered remains were floating in a stagnant pond, reddish tinge from treatment with a chemical preserva-and police divers were called to retrieve two halves of ***166***

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the torso, plus the lower legs and thighs. The severed River, underneath the Third Street Bridge. Police head, along with arms and genitals, was never found.

retrieved the upper trunk and severed thighs that after-Decapitation had not been the cause of death, but med-noon, but other pieces surfaced in the days to come. By ical examiners could not identify another cause.

July 14, authorities had everything except the nameless Soon after the discovery of victim number seven, victim's head, and that was never found.

Detectives Peter Merylo and Martin Zalewski were On April 8, 1938, a woman's lower left leg was assigned to the "torso" case full-time. Over the next fished out of the Cuyahoga, behind Public Square. The two years, they investigated hundreds of leads, cleared missing left foot, both thighs, and two halves of the scores of innocent suspects, jailed dozens of perverts torso were hauled ashore, wrapped in burlap, on May and fugitives—all without bagging their man. The 2, but the victim's head, right leg, and arms remained at press, meanwhile, ran banner headlines on the futile large.

search for Cleveland's "Mad Butcher," speculating end-The last "official" victims—male and female, killed lessly on motives, the identity of the victims, and the at different times—were found on August 16, 1938, by killer's supposed surgical skill.

workmen at a lakeside rubbish dump. The new "John On February 23, 1937, the upper half of a woman's Doe" was nothing but a skeleton, decapitated in famil-torso was found at Euclid Beach, almost precisely iar style, missing two ribs, plus both hands and feet.

where the first (still unacknowledged) victim was dis-Murdered no later than February 1938, he may have covered in September 1934. The lower trunk was found died as early as December 1937. The female victim was in Lake Erie, off East 30th Street, on May 5, while the cut into nine pieces, but all were accounted for. She had head, arms, and legs remained forever missing.

been killed sometime between February and April On June 6, the skeleton of a black woman—missing 1938, her identity forever disguised by advanced one rib, plus the bones of arms and legs—was found decomposition.

beneath the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge. The victim was In January 1939, the Cleveland Press reprinted the decapitated, and Coroner Samuel Gerber placed her following letter, mailed from Los Angeles:

death sometime in early June of 1936. In April 1938, Chief of Police Matowitz:

the son of Rose Wallace "identified" his mother's remains on the basis of dental work, but problems You can rest easy now, as I have come to sunny Califor-remained. Wallace had disappeared in August 1936, nia for the winter. I felt bad operating on those people, two months after the

victim's estimated date of death, but science must advance. I shall astound the medical and her Cincinnati dentist was deceased, his files profession, a man with only a D.C.

destroyed, rendering positive identification impossible.

What did their lives mean in comparison to hun-Detective Merylo accepted the shaky ID, but it brought dreds of sick and disease-twisted bodies? Just labora-him no closer to the arrest of a suspect.

tory guinea pigs found on any public street. No one Exactly one month after number nine was found, the missed them when I failed. My last case was successful.

lower torso of a man was sighted in the Cuyahoga I know now the feeling of Pasteur, Thoreau and other pioneers.

Right now I have a volunteer who will absolutely prove my theory. They call me mad and a butcher, but the truth will out.

I have failed but once here. The body has not been found and never will be, but the head, minus the features, is buried on Century Boulevard, between Western and Crenshaw. I feel it my duty to dispose of the bodies as I do. It is God's will not to let them suffer.

"X"

No buried heads were found in Los Angeles, and the manhunt shifted back to Cleveland. On July 5, 1939, sheriff's deputies arrested a Slavic immigrant, 52-year-old Frank Dolezal, and launched a marathon interrogation of their suspect. Dolezal eventually confessed to murdering Andrassy and Polillo, flubbing many details that were Coroner Samuel Gerber with a victim of Cleveland's "Mad

"corrected" in later confessions. He later retracted all Butcher" (Author's collection)

statements, charging detectives with third-degree tactics, ***167***

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and suspicious stains found in his flat were identified as as Robert Robertson. Coroner Samuel Gerber, responsi-animal blood. On August 24, Dolezal "committed sui-ble for handling most of the Butcher's "official" victims, cide" in his cell, found hanging from a wall hook shorter reported that "The work resembles exactly that of the than he was, and the autopsy revealed four ribs broken torso murderer."

by beatings in jail. Today, no one regards him as a serious In retrospect, it is clear that the Mad Butcher mur-suspect in the "torso" case.

dered at least 16 victims between 1934 and 1939. He On May 3, 1940, three male corpses were discovered may have slaughtered the 1950 victim as well, and in abandoned boxcars at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, speculation links the same elusive suspect with a series outside Pittsburgh. All had been decapitated, and the of "headless murders" around New Castle, Pennsylva-heads were missing; one was otherwise intact, while nia, between 1925 and 1939. No firm connections two had been dissected at the hips and shoulders. Killed were established in that case, and the number of New in the cars where they lay, the men had been dead from Castle victims has been wildly inflated by sensational three to six months, and all three bodies had been journalists, but the crimes were committed in close scorched by fire. The most "complete" victim was iden-proximity to rail lines serving Cleveland and

tified as 30-year-old James Nicholson, a homosexual Youngstown. None of the New Castle victims were ex-convict from Wisconsin. The killer had carved the ever identified, and the identity of their killer—like the word "NAZI" on Nicholson's chest, inverting the "Z"

whereabouts of the Mad Butcher's eight trophy

by accident or by design. Authorities unanimously heads—remains a mystery.

blamed the crimes on Cleveland's butcher, tracing the In 2002, author James Badal identified Eliot Ness's movements of the boxcars to pinpoint the murders in prime suspect as Dr. Francis Edward Sweeney, a Cleve-Youngstown, Ohio, during December 1939.

land physician born in May 1894. Sweeney served in Journalist Oscar Fraley, in his book 4 Against the World War I and was discharged from the U.S. Army Mob, contends that Eliot Ness—then Cleveland's direc-with a notation that he was "25% disabled." He stud-tor of public safety—not only identified the Mad ied medicine in St. Louis, returned to Cleveland follow-Butcher in 1938, but also brought him to a semblance ing his 1928 graduation, and was licensed to practice in of justice. Tagged with the pseudonym of "Gaylord Ohio on January 8, 1929. Sweeney's wife committed Sundheim," the suspect was described as a homosexual him for treatment of alcoholism in December 1933, and premed student and member of a prominent Cleveland he was discharged a month later. The court dismissed a family. Interrogated by Ness in autumn 1938, "Sund-second petition to have him committed, and Mrs.

heim" allegedly escaped prosecution by committing Sweeney filed for divorce in September 1934 (granted in himself to a mental hospital, where he died around 1936). Court-ordered psychiatric examinations per-1940 or '41. In the interim, he tormented Ness with a formed in February and April 1938, at the behest of a barrage of obscene, menacing notes, which terminated medical colleague and Sweeney's sister, found Sweeney with his death.

sane. Ness's description of his unnamed suspect The tale deserves consideration, inasmuch as Ness matched Sweeney in some respects—married to a nurse, preserved the "greeting cards"—all carefully anony-related to a congressman—but nothing connects him mous—and they are viewable in Cleveland archives.

directly to the murders. Sweeney committed himself to But do taunting notes provide a viable solution to the a veteran's hospital in August 1938, emerged briefly in torso murders? Why did experts on the case insist the 1939, then returned to custodial care in August 1939.

Butcher claimed three victims in December 1939, when He proved a bothersome patient, described by an FBI

"Sundheim" had been out of circulation for a year or file as "constantly in trouble" with hospital authorities more? If Ness was certain of the killer's whereabouts, until his death in July 1964. Perhaps significantly, that why did he allow "suspect" Frank Dolezal to be abused date conflicts with Ness's public claims that his name-

(and possibly murdered) by sheriff's officers in 1939? If less suspect died in the 1940s.

the case was solved in 1938, why did Detective Merylo pursue the Butcher into retirement, blaming his elusive quarry for more than 50 murders by 1947? Tantalizing ***MALVO, Lee Boyd, and MUHAMMAD, John Allen***

as it is, the Fraley story falls apart on close examina-In the wake of terrorist attacks that claimed nearly tion, failing every test of common sense.

3,000 victims on September 11, 2001, residents of There is a grisly postscript to the Butcher's story. On Washington, D.C., and environs were naturally fright-July 23, 1950, a man's headless body, emasculated and ened by the prospect of further attacks. That nightmare dismembered, was found in a Cleveland lumberyard, a came to life in October 2002, with a

series of deadly few miles from Kingsbury Run. The missing head sniper attacks that panicked the U.S. capital and spread turned up four days later, and the victim was identified ripples of fear nationwide.

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The killing spree began, ironically, with a wild shot serial murder to request FBI assistance on the case, but that struck no one. At 5:20 P.M. on October 2, 2002, a G-men had no magic recipe for capturing the killer. An rifle bullet drilled the display window of a Michael's unnamed suspect "of previous interest" was detained craft store in Aspen Hill, Maryland, without hitting any for questioning on October 9, but the sniper struck shoppers. Forty-four minutes later, 55-year-old James again while he was still in custody.

Martin was killed in the parking lot of a Shoppers Food The latest victim was 53-year-old Dean Meyers, Warehouse in Wheaton, Maryland, 15 miles north of killed with a single shot while he pumped gas at a filling Washington. Officers rushed from the Wheaton police station outside Manassas, Virginia. Prince William station, directly opposite the shooting scene, but Martin County police chief Charles Deane initially told was already dead, his killer nowhere in sight.

reporters that the crime "appears to be consistent with The sniper rested overnight, then returned to action the other shootings in the region," then declared on at 7:41 A.M. on October 3. His next shot killed 39-year- October 10 that ballistics had scored another match to old landscaper James Buchanan while he was mowing the elusive sniper's weapon. At the same time, FBI grass at the Fitzgerald Auto Mall in White Flint, Mary- agents released their first composite drawing in the case, land. At 8:12 A.M., another rifle slug killed Premkumar depicting a white minivan or "box truck" allegedly seen Walekar, a 54-year-old taxi driver, while he filled his near the site of the shooting. Chief Deane appealed in cab's tank at a gas station in Aspen Hill, Maryland.

vain for the killer to desist, airing a plea that "There's Twenty-five minutes later, the gunman shot and killed enough damage been done."

34-year-old Sarah Ramos outside a post office in Silver The sniper obviously disagreed. On October 11, 53-Spring. Twenty-five-year-old Lori Ann Lewis-Rivera year-old Kenneth Bridges was killed by a single gun-was killed at 9:58 A.M. while pumping gas at a station shot while filling his

car's gas tank at a station near in Kensington, Maryland. The day's last victim, 72-Fredericksburg, Virginia. Three days later, the killer year-old Pascal Charlot, was gunned down on a Wash-struck again. Linda Franklin, a 47-year-old employee ington street corner, near the Montgomery County of the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center, (Maryland) line, shortly before 10 P.M. The sniper's first was killed by a single shot at 9:15 A.M. on October 14

survivor, Caroline Seawell, was wounded on October 4

outside a Home Depot store near Falls Church, Vir-in the parking lot of a Michael's craft store outside ginia. After that murder, state authorities told Fredericksburg, Virginia.

reporters, "There's some pretty decent eyewitness Ballistics experts soon reported that the same .223-information that maybe we haven't had in some of the caliber rifle was used in five of the shootings, but that previous shootings." Specifically, bystander Matthew revelation brought police no closer to the gunman. A Dowdy described an "olive-skinned" gunman fleeing late-night alert for a burgundy Chevrolet Caprice led the scene in "a cream-colored Chevrolet Astro van officers to one such car, abandoned and burned on the with a burned-out taillight," but the lead proved false.

outskirts of Washington, but detectives never deter-On October 18, police jailed Dowdy for filing a false mined whether the vehicle had any link to the shoot-report.

ings. At day's end, Montgomery County police chief On October 18, retired FBI profiler ROBERT K.

Charles Moose could only say, "We do have someone RESSLER appeared on Larry King's CNN talk show, pre-that so far has been very accurate in what they are dicting that the sniper might travel as far south as Rich-attempting to do. We probably have a skilled shooter mond, Virginia, and perhaps "down to Ashland

and that heightens concern." Hasty attempts at PROFIL-

[Virginia]." One day later, a 37-year-old man was shot ING described the shooter as a random "thrill seeker"

and wounded outside a Ponderosa restaurant in Ash-devoid of rational MOTIVES.

land, 90 miles south of Washington, D.C. While critics Concern moved closer to panic on October 7, when raged against the media for "giving a madman ideas,"

13-year-old Iran Brown was shot outside his school in Chief Moose released a cryptic message via the media in Bowie, Maryland. Brown survived his chest wound to Maryland: "To the person who left us a message at the become the sniper's second "failure." Patrolmen found Ponderosa last night. You gave us a telephone number.

the death card from a tarot deck lying near a spent rifle We do want to talk to you. Call us at the number you cartridge in a patch of woods 150 yards from the provided. Thank you." The plea brought a response by school. Inscribed on the card was a handwritten mes-telephone, but it was garbled. On October 21, Chief sage: "Dear policeman, I am God." Chief Moose wept Moose again used television cameras to address the as he told reporters, "All of our victims have been inno-killer: "The person you called could not hear everything cent and defenseless, but now we're stepping over the you said. The audio was unclear and we want to get it line. Shooting a kid—it's getting to be really, really per-right. Call us back so that we can clearly understand."

sonal now." Moose invoked a new federal statute on That same afternoon, police arrested two passengers of ***169***

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An FBI visual information specialist (center) gestures as he testifies in front of a model of the Chevrolet Caprice trunk in which sniper John Allen Muhammad was captured. The model shows the modifications that were made so that the sniper could shoot while undetected in the trunk. (AP

Photo/Tracy Woodward, Pool) a white van in Henrico County, Virginia, but they rented home, announcing that they wished to run ballis-proved to be illegal immigrants with no connection to tics tests related to the sniper case. That same day, a call the case.

to the sniper hotline claimed credit for a September 21

A note found near the Ashland shooting scene raged shooting that killed 52-year-old Claudine Parker and at "incompetent" police and warned: "Your children wounded 24-year-old Kellie Adams at a liquor store in are not safe anywhere at any time." That threat Montgomery, Alabama. A magazine found at that crime prompted authorities to close 10 Richmond-area scene bore fingerprints identified as those of 41-year-old schools on October 22, and while that move relieved John Allen Muhammad (né Williams). On October 23

some local parents, it failed to stop the sniper. At 5:56

police in Maryland issued an arrest warrant for that morning, Conrad Johnson, a 35-year-old bus dri-Muhammad, citing federal weapons charges. A frequent ver, was shot and killed at a bus stop in Aspen Hill, traveling companion was identified as 17-year-old Lee Maryland. Ballistics confirmed the same gunman at Boyd Malvo, a Jamaican citizen. The two were spotted work. Police found another note at the scene, demand-at 1 A.M., sleeping in a car at a highway rest stop in ing that $10 million be wired to a domestic bank Frederick County, Maryland, and police swarmed the account. Chief Moose convened a press conference, scene to arrest them at 3:19 A.M. Ballistics tests matched advising the killer that his request was not "electroni-a .223-caliber Bushmaster rifle, found in Muhammad's cally possible," but he welcomed further negotiations.

car, to various bullets recovered from victims.

"We remain open and ready to talk to you about the Investigation of Muhammad's background identified options you have mentioned," Moose said. "It's impor-him as a Louisiana native who converted to Islam and tant we do this without anyone else getting hurt. You changed his name in 1985. He subsequently served in indicated that this is about more than violence. We are the U.S. Army from November 1985 to April 1994, waiting to hear from you."

including foreign service in the 1990 Gulf War.

On October 22, authorities in Tacoma, Washington, Muhammad was trained as a mechanic and truck dri-seized a bullet-riddled tree stump from

the backyard of a ver, but he also won an expert marksmanship badge ***170***

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with an M-16 rifle. Twice divorced and a father of four, Muhammad was embroiled in bitter custody disputes with both ex-wives, including allegations that he abducted his children from their "infidel" mothers. His second wife received a permanent restraining order against Muhammad in March 2000, which legally

barred him from owning firearms.

After serving at Fort Louis, near Tacoma, Muhammad had remained in Washington State upon his return to civilian life. There he met Malvo, born in Jamaica on February 18, 1985. Malvo and his mother entered the U.S. illegally, in January 2001, and settled in Bellingham, where Malvo attended high school. He soon met Muhammad and appeared to idolize the older man, who often introduced Malvo as his son or stepson. Malvo's mother called police on December 19, 2001, in an effort to separate her son from Muhammad, but the effort backfired when officers discovered her alien status.

Immigration agents detained mother and son for a month, until Malvo's mother posted $15,000 bond for their release. A deportation hearing was scheduled for November 20, 2002, but Malvo vanished in the meantime, fleeing across country with Muhammad. They lived at various addresses, including one in New Jersey where Muhammad shared title with co-owner Nathaniel Osbourne for the car in which Muhammad and Malvo were arrested. That vehicle, a blue 1990 Chevrolet Caprice, had a hole cut in its trunk lid that allowed a rifleman to shoot unobserved while lying inside.

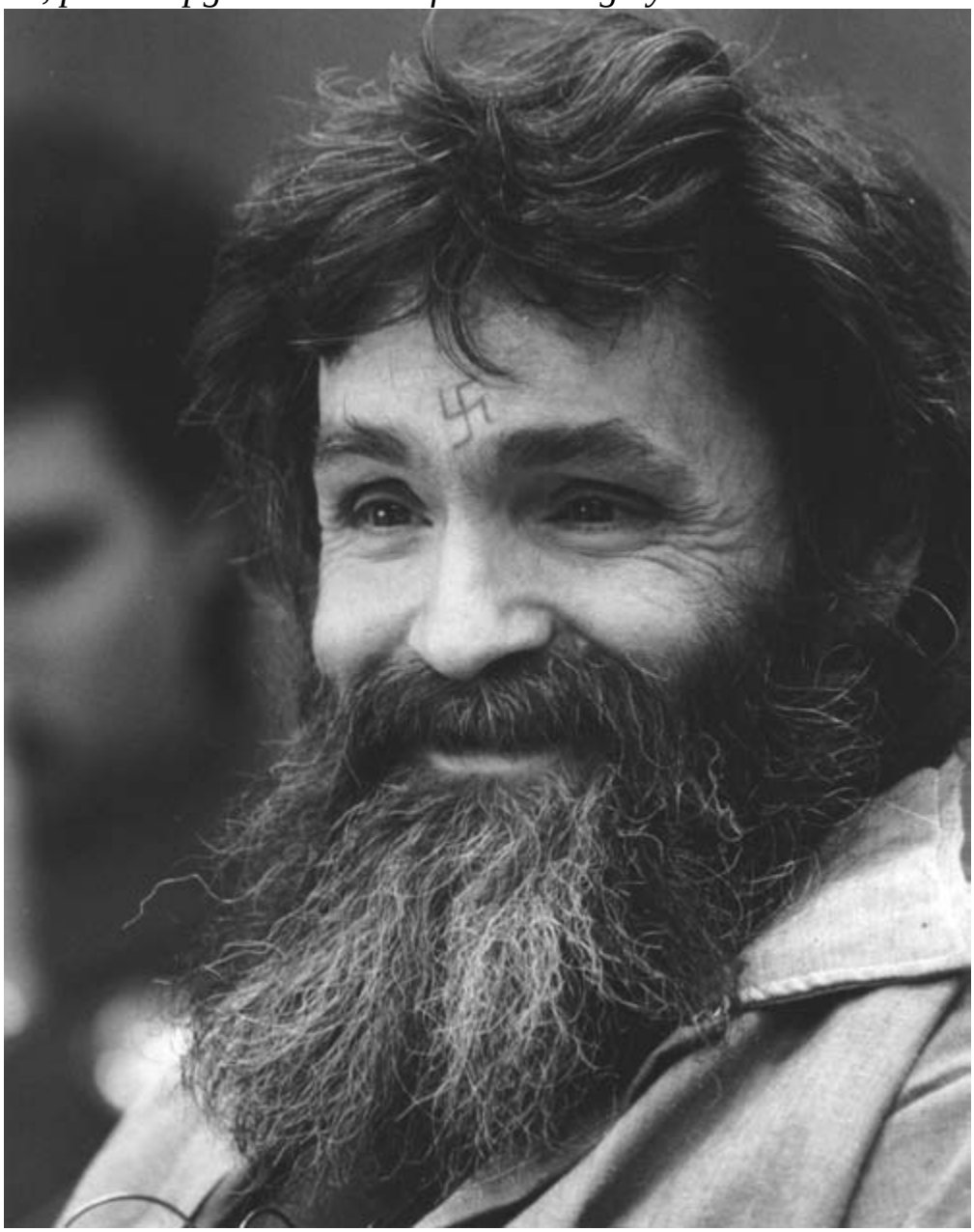
Muhammad was initially detained on charges of violating his ex-wife's protection order (by owning a gun) and illegally transporting a weapon across state lines.

Malvo was held as a material witness to the murders while forensic experts sifted evidence from various Lee Boyd Malvo listens to court proceedings during the trial crime scenes. At one point, Malvo tried to escape of fellow sniper John Allen Muhammad. (AP Photo/Martin Smith-Rodden, Pool)

through a ceiling panel in a police interrogation room, but he was soon recaptured. On October 24, police noted "some very good similarities" between Malvo and a composite sketch of a suspect in the Alabama shooting. One day later, Maryland authorities charged Malvo and Muhammad with murder in six of the

sniper attacks. Alabama filed charges of murder and attempted murder in Montgomery. Maryland statutes barred capital punishment for Malvo, as a minor, but Muhammad was fair game for death row. On October 26, police in Tacoma announced that Muhammad was suspected of murdering Isa Nichols, a 21-year-old busi-Sniper John Allen Muhammad is led into a Prince William ness partner of Muhammad's ex-wife, who was shot at County courtroom in Manassas, Virginia. (AP Photo/Mike a relative's home on February 16, 2002. On October Morones, Pool)

27, police upgraded Malvo from willing bystander to ***171***



MANSON Family

triggerman in several of the recent shootings. October His surname was derived from one of Kathleen's many 28 saw Muhammad indicted for capital murder and five lovers, whom she briefly married, but it signified no other charges, for the Meyers shooting in Virginia. On blood relationship. In 1936, Kathleen filed a paternity November 1, ballistic tests linked Malvo and Muham-suit against one "Colonel Scott" of Ashland, Kentucky, mad to the wounding of a Silver Spring, Maryland, winning the grand monthly sum of five dollars for the liquor store clerk on September 14, 2002, and the mur-support of "Charles Milles Manson." Scott instantly der of 45-year-old Hong Im Ballenger (shot outside a defaulted on the judgment, and he died in 1954 without Baton Rouge, Louisiana, beauty parlor on September acknowledging his son.

23, 2002). The pair's itinerary also placed them in Tuc-In 1939, Kathleen and her brother were sentenced to son, Arizona, in March 2002, when 60-year-old Jerry five years in prison for robbing a West Virginia gas sta-Taylor was killed on a golf course two miles from the tion. Charles was packed off to live with a strictly reli-home of Muhammad's sister.

gious aunt and her sadistic husband, who constantly By November 10, 2002, Malvo had confessed

berated the boy as a "sissy," dressing him in girl's cloth-responsibility for three of the sniper shootings, and ing for his first day of school in an effort to help Man-police identified him as the triggerman in most (if not son "act like a man." Paroled in 1942, Maddox

all) of the slayings. Muhammad, they alleged, had reclaimed her son, but she was clearly unsuited to served as Malvo's mentor, lookout, and getaway driver.

motherhood. An alcoholic tramp who brought home Aside from confessions, Malvo's DNA was found on a lovers of both sexes, Kathleen frequently left Charles half-eaten grape at the scene of one shooting; his finger-with neighbors "for an hour," then disappeared for prints were lifted from paper found at a second crime days or weeks on end, leaving relatives to track the boy scene. The Chevrolet's small trunk also suggested that down. On one occasion she reportedly gave Charles to Muhammad could not have performed the shootings a barmaid as payment for a pitcher of beer.

from inside it. U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft dis-By 1947, Kathleen was seeking a foster home for her missed federal charges against the defendants in Mary-son, but none was available. Charles wound up in the land, clearing the way for transfer to Virginia, where Gibault School for Boys in Terre Haute, Indiana, but execution of minors was not banned by law. At the same time, legal experts feared that naming Malvo as the sniper might defeat efforts to execute Muhammad.

Those fears had no basis. On November 17, 2003, jurors in Virginia Beach convicted Muhammad of capital murder in the Dean Meyers killing. The panel sentenced him to death on November 24. A second jury rejected Malvo's claim that he had been "brainwashed"

by Muhammad, convicting the teenager of capital murder (in the death of Linda Franklin) on December 19, 2003. Some three months later, on March 10, the judge sentenced Malvo to a term of life imprisonment without parole. A second trial for Malvo, delayed pending a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on execution of minors, had not convened when this volume went to press. No charges have thus far been filed against the killers in Alabama, Louisiana, or Washington State.

Lee Malvo received a second life sentence on October 26, 2004, after entering a plea bargain to save his life. Capital punishment was waived in return for Malvo's plea of "no contest" in the death of victim Kenneth Bridges, the attempted murder of Caroline Seawell, and two related firearms charges.

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Born "no name Maddox" in Cincinnati, Ohio, on

November 12, 1934, Charles Manson was the illegitimate son of Kathleen Maddox, a 16-year-old prostitute.

Charles Manson at a parole hearing (Wide World API) ***172***

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fled after 10 months, rejoining his mother. She still did-bikers, pushers, pimps, and Satanists—stood ready to n't want him, so Manson took to living on the streets, squeeze a grim profit from the Age of Aquarius.

making his way by theft. Arrested in Indiana, he In San Francisco, Manson displayed a surprising escaped from the local juvenile center after one day's charisma, attracting young dropouts of both sexes, confinement. Recaptured and sent to Father Flannigan's drawn from all strata of white society. Some, like Mary Boy's Town, he lasted four days before his next

escape, Brunner, were college graduates. Others, like Susan fleeing in a stolen car to visit relatives in Illinois. He Atkins and Robert Beausoleil, were involved with pulled more robberies en route and on arrival, leading satanic cults. Most were hopelessly confused about to another bust at age 13. Confined for three years in a their lives, adopting Manson as a combination mentor, reform school at Plainfield, Indiana, Manson recalls father figure, Christ incarnate, and the self-styled "God sadistic abuse by older boys and guards alike. If we may of Fuck." They drifted up and down the state in fluctu-trust his memory, at least one guard incited other boys ating numbers, with the "family" topping 50 members to rape and torture Manson, while the officer stood by at its peak. From Mendocino and the Haight to Holly-and masturbated on the sidelines.

wood, Los Angeles, and Death Valley, Manson's

In February 1951, Manson and two other inmates nomads followed their leader as the Summer of Love escaped from the Plainfield "school," fleeing westward became a nightmare. Along the way, they rubbed shoul-in a series of stolen cars. Arrested in Beaver, Utah, Manders with the Church of Satan, the Process Church of son was sentenced to federal time for driving hot cars Final Judgment (worshiping Satan, Lucifer, and Jeho-across state lines. Starting off in a minimum-security vah simultaneously), the Circe Order of Dog Blood, establishment, Manson assaulted another inmate in and—some say—the homicidal "Four P Movement."

January 1952, holding a razor blade to the boy's throat Manson grew obsessed with death and the Beatles song and sodomizing him. Reclassified as "dangerous,"

"Helter Skelter," which he interpreted as predicting Manson was transferred to a tougher lockup, logging race war in America. In Manson's view, once "blackie"

eight major disciplinary infractions—including three had been driven to the point of violence, helpless whites homosexual assaults—by August 1952. He was moved would be annihilated, leaving Manson and his family to to the Chillicothe, Ohio, reformatory a month later and rule the roost.

suddenly turned over a new leaf, becoming a "model"

On October 13, 1968, two women were found

prisoner almost overnight. The cunning act was beaten and strangled to death near Ukiah, California.

rewarded with parole in May 1954.

One, Nancy Warren, was the pregnant wife of a high-Arrested a second time for driving hot cars inter-way patrol officer. The other victim, Clida Delaney, was state, in September 1955, Manson got off easy with Warren's 64-year-old grandmother. The murders were five years' probation. He celebrated by skipping a ritualistic in nature, with 36 leather thongs wrapped court date in Florida on pending charges of auto around each victim's throat. Several members of the theft, and his probation was promptly revoked.

Manson "family"—including two later convicted of Picked up in Indianapolis on March 14, 1956, he was unrelated murders—were visiting Ukiah at the time.

sent to the federal prison at Terminal Island, Califor-Two months later, on December 30, 17-year-old

nia, winning parole on September 30, 1958. Seven Marina Habe was abducted outside her West Holly-months later, on May 1, 1959, he was jailed in Los wood home; her body was recovered on New Year's Angeles on charges of forging and cashing stolen US

Day, with multiple stab wounds in the neck and chest.

Treasury checks. Once more, he escaped with proba-Investigators learned that Habe was friendly with vari-tion, swiftly revoked with his April 1960 arrest for ous "family" members, and police believe her ties to the pimping and transporting whores interstate. Entering Manson group led directly to her death.

the lockup at McNeil Island, Manson listed his reliOn May 27, 1969, 64-year-old Darwin Scott—the

gion as "Scientologist"; his IQ was tested at 121.

brother of Manson's alleged father—was hacked to Paroled on March 21, 1967, over his own objections, death in his Ashland, Kentucky, apartment, pinned to Manson was drawn to San Francisco and the teeming the floor by a long butcher knife. Manson was out of Haight-Ashbury district.

touch with his California parole officer between May 22

It was the "Summer of Love," when thousands of and June 18, 1969, and an unidentified "LSD preacher young people flocked to the banner of drugs and from California" set up shop with several young women

"flower power," heeding Timothy Leary's advice to in nearby Huntington, around the same time.

“tune in, turn on, drop out.” The streets and crash pads On July 17, 1969, 16-year-old Mark Walts disap-overflowed with teenage runaways and drifters, seeking peared while hitchhiking from Chatsworth, California, insight on the world and on themselves. Behind the to the pier at Santa Monica to do some fishing. His bat-scenes, a minor army of manipulators— gurus, outlaw tered body, shot three times and possibly run over by a ***173***

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memberment of movie stunt man Donald (“Shorty”) Shea, a hanger-on who “knew too much” and was suspected of discussing family business with police.

Ironically, Manson’s downfall came about through a relatively petty crime. On the night of September 18–19, 1969, members of the family burned a piece of road-grading equipment that was “obstructing” one of their desert dune buggy routes. Arson investigators traced the evidence to Manson, and he was arrested again on October 12. A day later, Susan Atkins was picked up in Ontario, California, and she soon confided details of the Tate-LaBianca murders to cellmates in Los Angeles.

Sweeping indictments followed, but even Manson’s removal from circulation could not halt the violence.

On November 5, 1969, family member John

Haught—aka "Zero"—was shot and killed while

"playing Russian roulette" in Venice, California. Eleven Left to right: Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel, and Leslie days later, another "Jane Doe"—tentatively identified Van Houten en route to the Sharon Tate murder trial. (Wide as family associate Sherry Cooper—was found near the World API)

site where Marina Habe's body had been discovered in 1968. On November 21, Scientologists James Sharp, car, was found next morning in Topanga Canyon. Walts 15, and Doreen Gault, 19, were found dead in a Los was a frequent visitor to Manson's commune at the Angeles alley, stabbed more than 50 times each with a Spahn movie ranch, and the dead boy's brother publicly long-bladed knife. Investigators learned that Gaul had accused Manson of the murder, though no charges were been a girlfriend of Bruce Davis, a family member sub-filed.

sequently convicted of first-degree murder in L.A.

Around the time of Walts's death, a "Jane Doe"

And Manson's arm was long. Joel Pugh, husband of corpse was discovered near Castaic, northeast of the Mansonite Sandra Good, flew to London in late 1968, Spahn ranch, tentatively identified from articles of accompanied by Bruce Davis. Their mission included clothing as Susan Scott, a "family" member once the sale of some rare coins and the establishment of arrested with a group of Manson girls in Mendocino.

connections with satanic orders in Britain. Davis Scott was living at the ranch when she dropped out of returned to the United States in April 1969, but Pugh sight, and while the Castaic corpse remains technically lingered on, and his body was found in a London hotel unidentified, Susan has not been seen again.

room on December 1, his throat slit with razor blades, In the month between July 27 and August 26, 1969, his blood used to inscribe "backwards writing" and Manson's tribe slaughtered at least nine persons in

"comic books drawings" on a nearby mirror. (Despite southern California. Musician Gary Hinman was the the impossible scribbling, his death was ruled a suicide.) first to die, hacked to death in retaliation for a drug Charged with the seven Tate-LaBianca murders,

deal gone sour, "political" graffiti scrawled at the scene Manson and three of his female disciples—Susan in his blood, as Manson tried to blame

the crime on Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel, and Leslie Van Houten—

"blackie." On August 9, a Manson hit team raided the went to trial in June 1970. The defense rested its case home of movie director Roman Polanski, slaughtering on November 19, and attorney Ronald Hughes disap-Polanski's wife—pregnant actress Sharon Tate—and peared eight days later, after he was driven to Sespe Hot four of her guests: Abigail Folger, Jay Sebring, Voytek Springs by two family associates called "James" and Frykowski, and Steven Parent. The following night,

"Lauren." The lawyer's decomposing corpse was found Manson's "creepy crawlers" killed and mutilated in Sespe Creek five months later, around the time Man-another couple, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca, in their son's death sentence was announced, and positive iden-Los Angeles home.

tification was confirmed through dental X rays.

An atmosphere of general panic gripped affluent Prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi believes that he has traced L.A., the grisly crimes demonstrating that no one was the fate of "James" and "Lauren," suspected of guilty safe. On August 16, sheriff's deputies raided the Spahn knowledge in Hughes's death. On November 8, 1972, ranch, arresting Manson and company on various drug-hikers found the body of 26-year-old James Willett, shot-related charges, but Charles was back on the street by gunned and decapitated, in a shallow grave near August 26. That night, he directed the murder and dis-Guerneville, California. Three days later, Willett's station

wagon was spotted outside a house in Stockton, and While eligible for parole since 1972, no convicted police arrested two members of the Aryan Brotherhood

"family" killer has yet been released. Susan Atkins and inside, along with three Manson women. Lauren Willett, Tex Watson claim to have "found God" in prison, Wat-wife of James, was buried in the basement, and an initial son founding his own ministry with a small but loyal tale of "Russian roulette" was dropped in April 1973

cadre of disciples in the free world. Krenwinkel and Van when four suspects pled guilty to murder charges.

Houten insist they have changed, matured, but no public Meanwhile, the Manson trials continued in Los

official mindful of his future in elective office is prepared Angeles. Triggerman Charles "Tex" Watson was con-to take them at their word. As for Manson himself, his victed and sentenced to die for the Tate-LaBianca mur-yearly parole hearings—those he deigns to attend—have ders in 1971. During August of that year, six family been converted into a theater of the grotesque, with members—including original disciple Mary Brunner—

Manson rambling incoherently, sometimes for hours on tried to steal 140 weapons from a Hawthorne gun end, on topics ranging from the Brazilian rain forest to shop, planning to break Manson out of jail, but they his "frame-up" by an unjust society. Sometimes he does-were captured in a shootout with police. All were sub-n't show at all: in 1979, for example, he passed on the sequently convicted, and Brunner was also sentenced hearing and sent the parole board a "Get Out of Jail for participation in the Hinman murder. Robert Beau-Free" card from his Monopoly set.

soleil and Susan Atkins picked up additional death sen-And there is always more trouble waiting for Manson, tences for that slaying, while Manson, Bruce Davis, and wherever he goes. In August 1997, he was sentenced to Steve Grogan were convicted in both the Hinman and serve seven months at California's "super-max" Pelican Shea murders. Various death sentences were overturned Bay State Prison, after he was convicted of selling drugs by the US Supreme Court's 1972 ruling against CAPITAL

to other inmates. He completed that sentence in June PUNISHMENT, and all of the family hackers are now 1998 and was transferred to yet another lockup. March technically eligible for parole. In Manson's absence, 1999 brought a surprise announcement that Manson Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme held the family reins, cor-would assist Professor Robert Beattie of Newman Uni-responding with Charlie in prison and spreading his versity in teaching a class on the U.S. legal system. Sandi gospel on the streets, forging new alliances with sundry Gibbons, a spokesperson for the Los Angeles district cults and racist groups. In September 1975, she tried to attorney's office, noted that it was not Manson's first assassinate President Gerald Ford, but her pistol mis-foray into academia. "He likes to interact with young fired and Squeaky was sentenced to life imprisonment.

people," she said. "He thinks he can pass along some-As for the family patriarch, commutation of his thing to them." As Manson told Professor Beattie in a death sentence launched Manson on a seemingly end-tape-recorded conversation, "I have 50 years of experi-less tour of the

California prison system—from San ence in incarceration. I pretty much have a leg up on the Quentin to Vacaville, on to Folsom, back to San law from an underworld perspective."

Quentin, and so on. Wherever he went, the pattern was At press time for this volume, all parole bids from identical: conflicts with authority and other inmates, Manson and his homicidal followers have been rejected various beatings and murder attempts (to date, he has by California authorities.

been poisoned, set on fire, and badly beaten several See also ARTWORK AND MEMORABILIA; GROUPIES

times), half-hearted hunger strikes, and raving television interviews. In March 1974, Manson was diagnosed as an "acute psychotic"; two months later he

"MASK of Sanity": *Psychological defense mechanism assaulted a guard; two months after that, he was caught Most serial killers—indeed, most psychopaths (or passing notes about a planned escape attempt. The sociopaths)—are consummate chameleons, able through Aryan Brotherhood, once Manson's de facto prison years of practice to conceal their brooding rage behind a bodyguard, soon turned against him, one member sexu-civilized, even charming, facade. Psychiatrist Hervey ally assaulting him at San Quentin, others beating him Cleckly dubbed this disguise the "mask of sanity" in his up at Folsom, another team slipping rat poison into his book of the same title (1982) and went on to explain: favorite soft drink. Still, there were rumors of Charlie orchestrating payback: one of his AB tormentors was It must be remembered that even the most severely and stabbed to death at Folsom, while another was shot- obviously disabled psychopath presents a technical gunned by the proverbial persons unknown, shortly appearance of sanity, often one of high intellectual capac-after his parole. Both crimes were probably related to ities, and not infrequently succeeds in business or profes-the Brotherhood's traffic in drugs or continual feuding sional activities for short periods, some for considerable with blacks, but Manson was pleased to take credit for periods. . . . Although they occasionally appear on casual the murders with a wink and a grin.*

inspection as successful members of the community, as ***175***

"MASS Murder"

able lawyers, executives, or physicians, they do not, it Crime Classification Manual further divides mass murder seems, succeed in the sense of finding satisfaction or ful-into "classic" and "family" subsets: the classic case fillment in their own accomplishments. Nor do they,

"involves one person operating in one location at one when the full story is known, appear to find this in any period of time"; the family scenario involves murder of other ordinary activity.

four or more relatives and may be dubbed a "mass murder/suicide" if the perpetrator also kills himself.

The annals of modern serial murder are replete with Unfortunately, there are several problems with the examples of killers who passed unnoticed as the boy Bureau's definition, first and foremost of which or girl next door. THEODORE BUNDY was a Boy Scout appears to be the exclusion of any multiple murder in his youth, later a well-liked political activist who committed by two or more killers. Taken at face value, presented the image of a successful law student despite the FBI definition seemingly fails to include such slumping grades. Repeat killers Arthur Bishop, events as the St. Valentine's Day massacre of 1929

Richard Angelo, and JOHN JOUBERT were all Eagle (with seven dead) and Seattle's Chinatown massacre of Scouts in their teens. JOHN GACY was famous for his February 1983 (13 dead) on grounds that multiple holiday theme parties, performing as a clown at chil-gunmen were involved. Conversely, FBI Agents

dren's hospitals when he was not immersed in local ROBERT RESSLER and JOHN DOUGLAS in their book Sex-politics. DEAN CORLL was another charmer, luring ual Homicide (1988) refer to a case of "mass murder"

young victims and accomplices alike with gifts of in which only three victims were killed. Further prob-homemade candy. Rape-slayer ALBERT DESALVO frelems arise with the introduction of SPREE MURDER , quently posed as a talent scout, persuading dozens of which—depending on the circumstances of the case—

women to open their doors and submit to intimate may be indistinguishable from either "mass" or "ser-fondling while he recorded their measurements for ial" murder. Published references to "serial mass nonexistent modeling assignments. Despite a life style murder" also needlessly confuse an already compli-of CANNIBALISM

and “unparalleled perversity,”

cated issue.

ALBERT FISH was bland enough to win the trust of total strangers, waltzing off with their children to “birthday parties” from which they would never return. Even ***MATHURIN, Jean-Thierry***

See PAULIN, THIERRY

crazy EDWARD GEIN was known around his hometown as a simple-minded handyman and local “character”; no one suspected he was also killing, robbing graves, ***MEDICAL Murders***

and crafting household decorations out of human A disturbing number of serial killers are found in the body parts.

medical profession, making victims of the very patients It comes as no surprise, therefore, when the arrest who entrust the twisted healers with their lives. The of a serial killer is met with dismay from his neigh-reasons for their choice of a career in medicine (and bors, the media recording statements of surprise that a murder) are admittedly complex, but one advantage is

“nice, quiet fellow” could perform such grisly deeds.

the ready-made supply of victims—often weak and In part, that shock is due to ingrained images from helpless, sometimes even comatose—who are presented Hollywood, where random killers are portrayed as daily to the medical professional. Those who select scar-faced, heavy-breathing hulks who roam the their victims from among the patients of a major hospi-streets in bloodstained aprons, armed with power tal or nursing home are sheltered from suspicion by tools. Such specimens exist, of course, but they are their Hippocratic oath and by the fact that death—par-rare exceptions to the rule. The psychopathic killer’s ticularly of the old and gravely ill—is taken more or

“mask of sanity” conceals a multitude of sins and less for granted. Only when a slayer grows too arro-often makes his victims easy prey when he—or she—

gant or careless, leaving telltale clues behind or killing turns on the charm.

too voraciously within a short time span, is he (or she) See also INSANITY DEFENSE; PARAPHILIA exposed.

Medical killers are found in the ranks of licensed physicians and dentists, of registered nurses, and of

"MASS Murder": *Defined*

lower-ranked employees such as orderlies and nurse's Prior to introduction of the term SERIAL MURDER in the aides. They are both male and female, black and white mid-1960s, most slayers of multiple victims were referred (although Caucasians dominate this group). As in their to indiscriminately as mass murderers. Today, thanks training, race, and gender, so they are diverse in largely to the FBI, mass murder is defined as any killing of MOTIVES, although certain major themes repeat them-four or more victims at one time and place. The Bureau's selves time after time.

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MIKHASEVICH, Gennadiy

One common motive in medical murder is the so-

prolific medical slayer since World War II is Britain's Dr.

called mercy killing, wherein the slayer allegedly seeks HAROLD FREDERICK SHIPMAN, convicted of 15 murders to end the suffering of selected patients by ending in January 2000 and officially blamed for the deaths of their lives. The FBI Crime Classification Manual at least 215 patients between 1977 and 1998.

(1992) presents nurse's aide DONALD HARVEY as an See also MODUS OPERANDI; WEAPONS

example of a "mercy killer" in action, although his techniques smacked of sadism (and his selection of victims, at least in some cases, was achieved through ***MIKHASEVICH, Gennadiy***

satanic rituals).

The first Russian serial killer acknowledged by the state-A second type of medical killer is the would-be controlled Soviet news media, Gennadiy Mikhasevich

"hero," precipitating life-or-death emergencies with the was born in 1947, in the territory of Byelorussia (pre-intent of stepping in to save a patient at the penultimate sent-day Belarus). Details of his crimes remain sparse: the moment, thus earning kudos from his peers or members February 3, 1988, Tass announcement of his execution of the victim's family. These operators—theoretically, at simply states that Mikhasevich had "savagely killed" 33

least—may not intend to kill at all but may instead fall women over the past 15 years. Some Western reports cite short in their attempts to "rescue" patients they have a body count of 36, with the first death recorded in

driven to the brink of death. The FBI presents baby-1971, but the reliability of those accounts is still unclear.

killer GENENE JONES as an example of the "hero" type; We know that Mikhasevich was employed as a fac-identical motives have been ascribed to male nurse tory worker in Saloniki, serving for a time as chief of Richard Angelo in New York and to various others the state motor vehicle repair works, volunteering as an around the world.

auxiliary policeman in his spare time. In the latter Some medical slayers, of course, kill for profit. In the capacity, he helped "investigate" his own crimes, ques-1930s, Dr. Morris BOLBER organized a murder-fortioning various suspects and sometimes stopping drivers insurance ring in Philadelphia that claimed an estimated of cars that resembled the elusive slayer's vehicle.

50 lives. Most practitioners operate on a more modest Through it all, he continued to kill, with 14 victims scale, but some—like Connecticut's AMY ARCHER-GILLI-murdered in the peak year of 1984.

GAN—open their own clinics or rest homes with murder Soviet police might not admit to a killer at large, but in mind. Another profit-motivated killer, Missouri den-they were aware of his crimes, all the same. Regrettably, tist Glennon Engelman, made no use of his medical as Tass admitted years later, "the investigation veered skills when it came down to murder, preferring dyna-from the right track," with a dozen defendants con-mite and firearms as his tools.

victed and sentenced for various crimes they did not Finally, as some "healers" sexually abuse their commit, following "breaches of law" by Byelorussian patients, so we cannot rule out sexual or sadistic homicide investigators. Four innocent suspects were motives in some medical murders. Lesbian lovers actually framed and convicted on murder charges: one GWENDOLYN GRAHAM and CATHERINE WOOD made a

of them was executed, another killed himself in custody, brutal "game" of murder at a Michigan rest home, so and a third innocent defendant went blind in prison.

excited by the death throes of their victims that they Officials responsible for the frame-ups were belatedly often had to find an empty room for hasty bouts of sex punished, according to Tass, but once again the details when they were finished smothering a patient in her are unavailable.

bed. Likewise, it is undoubtedly significant that all three No matter who they sent to jail, the murders contin-patients killed by Dr. Tony Protopappas in his dental ued; the elusive slayer picked women up in his small, chair with anesthetic overdoses were attractive females red Zaporachet car and strangled them with a scarf. A under 35 years old.

letter was sent to police at one point, signed "Patriot of The most frightening aspect of medical murder is the Vitebsk," which attributed the slayings to "revenge apparent ease with which some practitioners evade against adulterous women." Detectives knew the letter detection, sometimes forever, while running up prodi-was authentic when similar notes were left with the gious body counts. A review of modern unsolved cases killer's last two victims in 1985. Meanwhile, Detective reveals seven hospitals—including five in the United Nikolai Iquatovich was slogging through mountains of States and one each in Canada and France—where paperwork, checking out the owners of some 200,000

unknown slayers claimed 320 victims with complete red cars and the holders of 312,000 interstate pass-impunity. In one case where a killer on the ward was ports. It was reportedly the latter approach which led to brought to book, a hospital administrator also pled Mikhasevich's arrest, sometime in 1985. He confessed guilty to destroying evidence illegally in a misguided to the murders in custody and was sentenced to death effort to protect the hospital's "good name." The most by firing squad.

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brought calls pouring in from locals who had seen them Australia's worst serial killer of modern times, Ivan hiking through the countryside or thumbing rides, but Milat was the son of Croat immigrants, born in 1945.

none apparently had seen the killer—except, perhaps, A nonsmoker who also shunned liquor, Milat worked for Paul Onions. A British subject from Birmingham, as a highway construction worker and devoted his Onions heard about the "backpack murders" on televi-leisure time to motorcycle riding, off-road touring in a sion and recalled his own near miss with death outside four-wheel-drive vehicle, and hunting. Friends assumed Sydney in January 1990. Onions had been thumbing that his passion for stalking game was restricted to rides when he was picked up by the driver of a silver four-legged targets, but they were mistaken. Today, Nissan four-wheel-drive

truck, who introduced himself Milat stands convicted of seven murders committed as "Bill." A half mile north of the Belanglo State Forest, between 1989 and 1992 and suspected of more dating Bill had stopped and pulled a gun, declaring, "This is a back to the late 1970s.

robbery!" Onions had run for his life through the bush, Australia's two-year manhunt for the vicious "Back-bullets whizzing past his head, and managed to escape pack Killer" began in September 1992 when hikers after a hectic chase. He recalled the gunman well found the decomposed remains of two women in the enough to help police prepare a sketch, including the Belanglo State Forest, near Sydney, at a point called would-be killer's handlebar mustache.

Executioner's Drop. The corpses were identified as 21-Investigators, meanwhile, were reviewing their files year-old Caroline Clarke and 22-year-old Joanne Wal-on old sex crimes—including a December 1974 rape ters, British tourists last seen alive in Sydney on April allegation filed against Ivan Milat, known to use the 18, 1992, while thumbing rides to Adelaide. Autopsies nickname "Bill." On May 22, 1994, a flying squad of revealed that both young women had been sexually 50 officers raided the property in Eagle Vale, a Sydney assaulted; Walters had been gagged and stabbed to suburb, where Milat lived with a girlfriend. The raiders death, and Clarke was shot 12 times in the head.

caught their man in bed, and a search of his home The discovery of two corpses prompted a wider

turned up evidence including firearms linked to the search, and police soon found a shallow grave a few murders and camping gear stolen from the victims. (A miles distant from the first site that contained the sword, reportedly used to behead Anja Habschied, was skeletal remains of Australians James Gibson and found in a later search at the home of Milat's mother.) Deborah Everist. The two 19-year-olds had disap-Detectives suggested that Milat sometimes killed his peared somewhere between Liverpool and Goulburn victims and then used their skulls for "target practice"

while hitchhiking to a conservation festival on Decem-after they were dead, thus accounting for multiple head ber 9, 1989. Gibson's pack and camera were found wounds.

beside a rural highway two months later, as if thrown On May 31, 1994, Milat was formally charged with from a passing car.

seven counts of murder, plus the attack on Paul Onions The search continued. In October, authorities found and various weapons charges. (Two of his rifles, as well the remains of 21-year-old Simone Schmidl, a German as a homemade silencer found by police in his posses-visitor who disappeared on the same stretch of road sion, were banned by Australian law.) At his four-between Liverpool and Goulburn, hitchhiking to Mel-month trial in 1996, Milat's attorney tried to bourne on January 21, 1991. Her glasses and camping undermine the prosecution's case by fingering alternate equipment had later been found in the brush near Wan-suspects, including two of Milat's own brothers, gatta, a small town in Victoria. According to the med-Richard and Walter. Jurors rejected the ploy, convicting ical examiner's report, Simone had been bound, gagged, Ivan of all seven murders on July 27, but presiding Jus-and stabbed repeatedly.

tice David Hunt did tell the court, "In my view, it is The corpses of two more German tourists, 21-year-old inevitable that the prisoner was not alone in that crimi-Gabor Neugebauer and 20-year-old Anja Habschied, nal enterprise." In the absence of further indictments, were found on November 4, 1992. The couple had last however, Milat was the lone recipient of six life sen-been seen alive 10 months earlier, on December 26, tences, plus an additional six-year term for the 1991, when they set off hitchhiking from King's Cross to attempted murder of Paul Onions.

Darwin and vanished without a trace. Their deaths bore Milat echoed Justice Hunt's opinion in February all the signs of another sexual attack: Neugebauer was 1997 when he appealed his conviction on the unusual apparently strangled, then shot six times in the head; his grounds that he did not act alone in the murder. No girlfriend was nude below the waist and she had been action has been taken to date on that appeal, but Milat decapitated, her head missing from the scene.

was placed under tight security three months later after By that time, Australian police knew they had a ser-prison guards foiled a "meticulously planned" escape ial killer at large. Published photos of the victims by Ivan and three other inmates. By November 1997, ***178***

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Milat had fired the attorney who fingered his brothers were not revealed until Corll's death in August 1973.

as suspects, representing himself in a new—and futile—

JOHN GACY spent the best part of seven years planting appeal to the New South Wales Supreme Court.

bodies in the crawl space underneath his home in a Authorities in New South Wales believe that they Chicago suburb before simple negligence led police to have only scratched the surface of Milat's homicidal his doorstep. California's JUAN CORONA was more ener-rampage. On March 22, 1998, detectives announced a getic, claiming 26 lives in three months, but none of his new investigation into Milat's movements dating back transient victims were even reported missing until a to the late 1970s. According to press reports, he is sus-Yuba City farmer stumbled on the first of many shallow pected in the disappearances of six Newcastle women graves.

and an equal number of tourists, including visitors from It is alarming to discover that we often don't know Europe and Japan. One rare survivor, a 41-year-old who is dead or missing in America today. In 1984, the Newcastle resident, has told police she was abducted US Department of Health and Human Resources esti-and raped by Milat in 1978. A second rape victim, mated that 1.8 million children vanish from home every attacked the following year, has also been reinterviewed year. Ninety-five percent are listed as runaways, and 90

in an effort to link Milat to the crime. The Newcastle percent of those return home within two weeks, leaving disappearances—long presumed murders—date back to a "mere" 171,000 children at large on the streets. Five 1979 when Milat was employed on a road crew work-percent of the missing—some 90,000—are identified as ing in the area.

abductees, with 72,000 reportedly kidnapped by parIn October 1999 Milat offered to help Queensland ents involved in bitter custody disputes. The other investigators solve the cases of three missing women.

18,000 children are simply gone.

He failed to turn up the bodies, but authorities named The FBI cast doubt on those statistics three years him as the prime suspect in three disappearances occur-later, reporting that the Bureau investigated only 150

ring between December 1978 and April 1979. Nineteen

"stranger abductions" of children between 1984 and months later, in May 2001, Milat was hospitalized after 1986, but what did that disclaimer really prove? Fed-a bungled suicide attempt, in which he swallowed a eral agents normally remain aloof from kidnap cases in spring mechanism from his prison toilet. Later that the absence of ransom demands or concrete

evidence of year, he tried again, gulping 24 staples, three razor interstate flight, and they take no notice whatsoever of blades, and the chain from a pair of nail clippers. From runaways. Indeed, the statistics themselves are suspect, those adventures, he proceeded to a hunger strike, since FBI spokesmen radically changed their tune in designed to overturn rejection of his various appeals. It 1995, admitting reports of some 300 stranger abduc-failed. October 2002 brought news that Milat might tions per year—an average of one every 29 hours receive $40,000 compensation for violation of his pri-throughout America.

vacy, after X-rays from his second 2001 suicide attempt The case of vanishing adults is even more obscure, were illegally released to the media. That payment with no statistics readily available from any source. A never came through, and Milat received his final disap-published estimate from 1970, no doubt conservative, pointment on May 29, 2004, when Sydney's High

suggested that at least 100,000 adults disappear in the Court decreed that he should never be released from United States each year. Again, the vast majority are prison.

tagged as runaways—from debt or broken marriages, increasing numbers of the homeless traveling in search of jobs and warmer climates—but the fact remains that ***MISSING Persons as Potential Victims***

some undoubtedly fall prey to human predators. Five Any discussion of serial murder, and particularly victims of Juan Corona's 1971 murder rampage remain UNSOLVED MURDERS, ultimately touches on the subject unidentified to this day. Outside Chillicothe, Missouri, of missing persons in America. One reason why it is Ray and Faye Copeland paid their transient farmhands impossible to estimate the number of unknown serial off with bullets in the head, and no one gave the miss-killers at large—much less to calculate the number of ing men a second thought.

their victims—is because police across the nation have A corollary of the missing persons problem is the no standard method of recording missing-person yearly glut of unidentified remains discovered in reports. Too often, it appears that such reports are sim-America each year. Scarcely a day goes by without ply filed away and instantly forgotten by authorities announcements that a corpse or a skeleton has been who have their hands full dealing with the criminals recovered somewhere, from the littered alleys of New and victims they can see.

York, Chicago, or Los Angeles to the southwestern It took DEAN CORLL and his accomplices three years deserts or southern marshlands, in New England's to murder 27 boys in Houston, Texas, but the crimes piny woods, or on the rugged mountain slopes of ***179***

MODUS Operandi of Serial Killers

Bones of John Gacy's victims were reconstructed in an attempt to identify them. (Wide World API) Washington and Oregon. Decomposition frequently occasions, most particularly when at risk of capture, a prohibits any cause of death from being diagnosed, killer may change his or her technique, but such devia-and scores (if not hundreds) of persons are consigned tions are rare and never seem to last for long.

to nameless paupers' graves each year, logged in police Nomadic killers are the travelers, moving fre-records as John or Jane Doe.

quently—often compulsively—from one location to It should not be supposed, of course, that every miss-another, killing as they go. Such hunters are the prime ing person in America and each set of unidentified beneficiaries of "LINKAGE BLINDNESS," drifting from remains denotes some superpredator at large and killing one jurisdiction to another before police in one area with impunity. At the same time, it is naive to think that recognize a pattern of behavior. It is not uncommon for every missing child (or adult) in the country simply nomadic killers such as HENRY LUCAS and OTTIS TOOLE

“ran away” in search of greener pastures or that every to kill in several different states—or even, like “The Ser-sun-bleached skeleton discovered off the beaten track is pent,” Charles Sobhraj, to kill in several different coun-merely one more careless hiker who fell prey to hunger tries. A victim found hitchhiking in Texas may be or the elements. The truth, no doubt, lies somewhere in murdered in New Mexico and discarded in California, between, and it may never be revealed without con-thus confounding homicide investigators (if, indeed, the certed efforts on the part of law enforcement officers corpse is ever found at all).

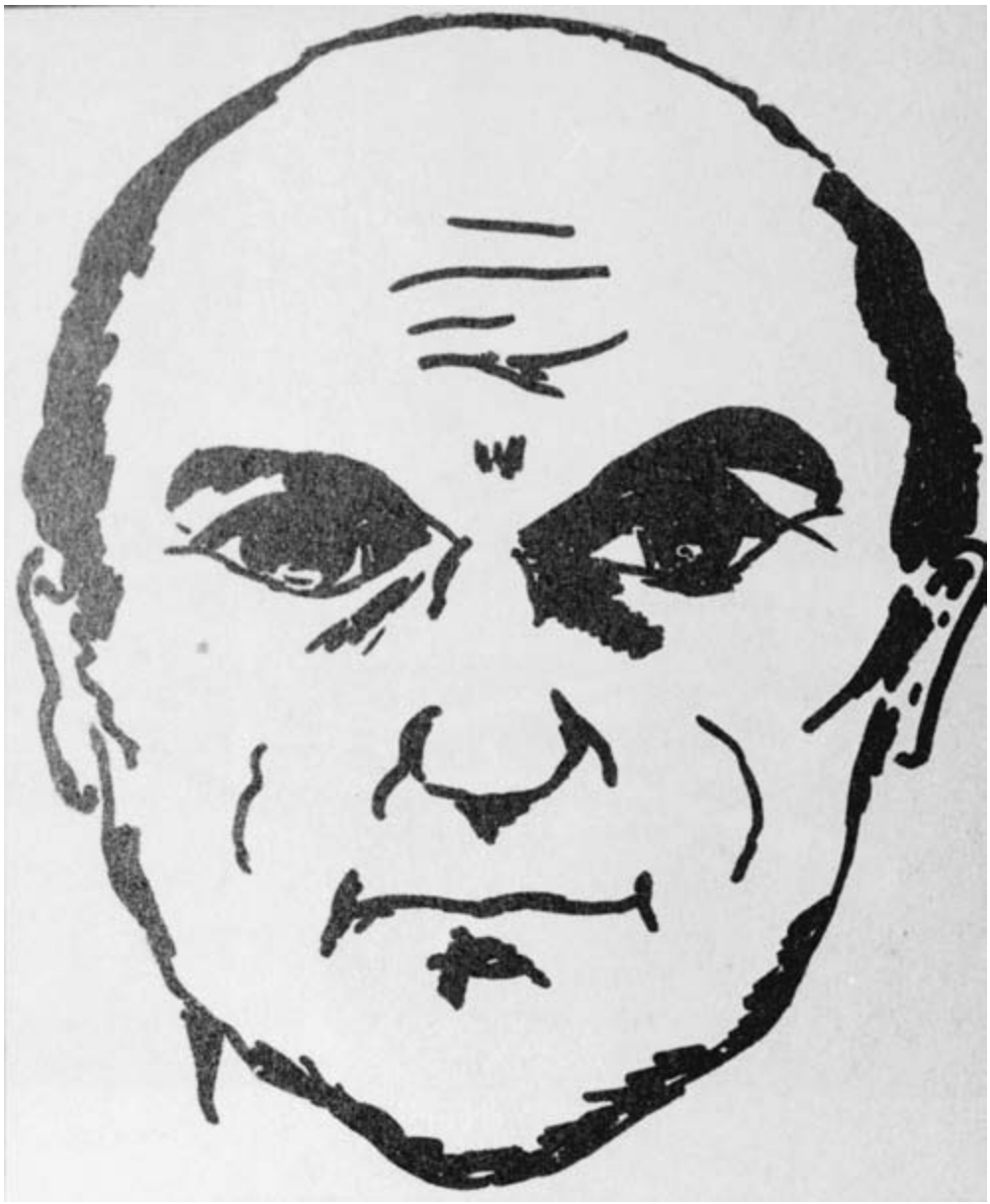
from coast to coast.

Territorial killers are by far the most common of ser-See also VICTIMOLOGY

ial slayers, staking out a particular hunting ground that varies greatly in size from one case to the next. Some, like “Son of Sam” DAVID BERKOWITZ, stalk a particular ***MODUS Operandi of Serial Killers***

city or neighborhood. Others range farther afield, as For all their widely varied MOTIVES, regardless of race when the “GREEN RIVER KILLER” trolled for victims on or gender, serial killers generally stalk and kill their the highway between Seattle and Tacoma, Washington.

human prey in one of three ways, referred to hereafter Others are more strictly localized, driven by personal as nomadic, territorial, or stationary methods. On rare compulsion to haunt a particular location. Lester Harri-



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son, for instance, committed all but one of his murders terous lover, one Antonio Lo Bianco, were shot to death in close proximity to Chicago’s Grant Park. In theory, as they lay on the front seat of a car parked beside a territorial killers should be easier to catch, since they rural lane. In the backseat, Locci’s six-year-old son slept offer homicide investigators frequent opportunities to through the double murder undisturbed, suggesting to view their handiwork, but some still manage to remain police that the killer may have used a silencer. Despite a at large for years—or to escape entirely, as with Lon-paucity of evidence, the crime appeared routine to local don’s “JACK THE RIPPER.”

homicide investigators, and Locci's husband was con-Stationary killers are the rarest of all, claiming most victed of the murders at trial. Six years elapsed before (if not all) of their victims at one location. Offenders in his innocence was proven, when the killer struck again.

this group are evenly divided between those who kill at The second set of victims, 19-year-old Pasquale Gen-home and those who murder in the workplace.

tilcore and 18-year-old Stefania Pettini, were slain on

"Home" killers include most "BLACK WIDOWS" who September 14, 1974, with the same .22-caliber Beretta prey on their own families, plus others like JOHN GACY

automatic pistol used in 1968; once more the gunman who bring strangers back to their lair (and often hide used distinctive copper-jacketed Winchester bullets, their corpses on the premises). Killers in the workplace manufactured in Australia in the 1950s. Unlike the first include a majority of the doctors and nurses responsible crime, however, this time the female victim was sexually for MEDICAL MURDERS in rest homes and hospitals, plus mutilated after death, a grim addition that would aberrant specimens like Calvin Jackson, a New York become the Florence slayer's trademark.

janitor who raped and killed nine women in the hotel Another long hiatus in the murders followed, broken he was hired to clean. A case apparently unique in his-on June 6, 1981, when the unknown gunman killed 30-tory is that of Jerry Spraggins, who apparently returned year-old Giovanni Foggi and 21-year-old Carmela Di three times within as many years to one apartment in Nuccio. Di Nuccio was stabbed more than 300 times, Montclair, New Jersey, killing female tenants who had with a severed grape vine thrust into one of her no connection to each other or to him.

wounds. Breaking his pattern, the killer struck again on A stationary killer may be forced to move from time to September 22, 1981, claiming the lives of 26-year-old time, for reasons unrelated to his crimes, but he—or she —will normally maintain established hunting patterns.

Likewise, there is often speculation in the case of unsolved murders that the killer may have shifted to another town or state—again, Green River comes to mind, with speculation that the unknown killer may have moved to San Diego, Kansas City, or some other locale with a nameless predator at large—but without convincing evidence (a fingerprint, ballistics matches, DNA), no such conclusion is supportable in unsolved cases.

See also MOTIVES; WEAPONS; VICTIMOLOGY

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The countryside surrounding Florence, Italy, has long been favored as a prime vacation spot for campers, hikers, and other nature lovers. In the summer months, warm breezes, starry skies, and rolling meadows make the district a perfect trysting spot for lovers, honey-mooners, or couples seeking to rekindle a romantic flame in their relationships. In the latter half of the 20th century, however, Florence acquired a different sort of reputation, as the preferred hunting ground of a serial killer who preyed exclusively on couples. Nearly four decades after the terror began, many details of the case remain in doubt—and some think the killer(s) are still at large.

The Florence slayer's first appearance was recorded Police sketch of the "Monster of Florence" (Author's on August 21, 1968, when Barbara Locci and her adul-collection)

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Stefano Baldi and 24-year-old Susanna Campi. Again, Italian police questioned more than 100,000 persons the female victim was mutilated, Cambi's genitals and briefly charged six different suspects in the Florence excised as Stefania Pettini's had been in 1974.

case before they identified their best suspect yet.

The murders continued with numbing regularity over Arrested on January 17, 1993, 71-year-old Pietro Pac-the next four years. On June 19, 1982, 22-year-old ciani was a semiliterate farmhand and amateur taxider-Paolo Mainardi and 20-year-old Antonella Migliorini mist, who had been convicted in 1951 of murdering a were shot with the familiar pistol, Migliorini posthu-traveling salesman caught "in an affectionate embrace"

mously savaged with a knife. Fifteen months later, on with Pacciani's girlfriend. (Following the murder, Pac-September 9, 1983, the Monster of Florence made his ciani made the woman lie beside the corpse and raped first "mistake": instead of killing a man and woman, he her there.) Paroled after 13 years in prison, Pacciani shot two male tourists from Germany, Horst Meyer and was later arrested for beating his wife and served four Uwe Rusch Sens. (Public speculation that the victims more years in prison (1987–91) for molesting his two might be gay was not substantiated and appears to have daughters. Convicted of seven double murders in no

bearing on the crime.) The lethal balance was November 1994, Pacciani still maintained that he was restored on June 29, 1984, when Claudio Stefanacci and

"as innocent as Christ on the cross." An appellate court Pia Rontini were slain. Rontini had been stabbed more overturned his conviction on February 13, 1996.

than 100 times, her genitals and left breast excised. On Ironically, Pacciani's release from prison came within September 8, 1985, the stalker killed two French hours of police arresting his good friend, 70-year-old tourists, 25-year-old Jean-Michel Kraveichvili and 36-Mario Vanni, on charges of murdering victims Mauriot year-old Nadine Mauriot, claiming Mauriot's left breast and Kraveichvili in 1985. Authorities soon revised their and genitals as ghastly souvenirs. On the morning the original theory, deciding that the crimes were commit-bodies were found, a copper-jacketed Winchester bullet ted by a gang of killers led by Pacciani, its members was also discovered, lying on the sidewalk in front of a including Vanni, 77-year-old Giovanni Faggi, and 54-hospital close to the crime scene. The next day, police year-old Giancarlo Lotti. Ten months after Pacciani's received an envelope addressed with letters clipped from release from custody, on December 12, 1996, Italy's a newspaper; inside, they found part of Mauriot's geni-Supreme Court reversed the appellate court's decision talia, a mocking gift from their elusive quarry.

and ordered a new murder trial for Pacciani. His three Recreation of the Monster's crimes revealed a strik-alleged accomplices went to trial in Florence on May ing similarity in every case. Each of the double murders 21, 1997, charged with five double murders, while their occurred on moonless nights, between the hours of 10

supposed ringleader was confined to his home at Mer-P.M. and midnight. In each incident, authorities believe, catale, watched by police as a "socially dangerous char-the man was murdered first, the woman subsequently acter." Pacciani died at home on February 22, 1998, shot and mutilated as the killer exorcised his private one day before closing arguments began in the trial of frenzy. Fingerprint examinations of the murder scenes his three alleged confederates. The final verdicts, on indicate that the gunman typically wore rubber surgical March 26, were a mixed bag: Faggi was acquitted on all gloves, and that clue, coupled with the bullet found counts; Lotti was sentenced to 30 years for his involve-near the

hospital and possible use of a scalpel to muti-ment in the deaths of eight victims; and Vanni drew a late the female victims, led authorities to question hos-life sentence for participating in five of the Monster's pital staffers. No suspects were identified, and homicide double slayings. The remaining cases are officially detectives freely admitted they had no leads in the baf-unsolved.

fling case. As described by Francisco Fleury, the district The Monster's saga took another strange turn on attorney in charge of the investigation, "The man could August 14, 2000, when police in Florence arrested two be your respectable next-door neighbor, a man above 26-year-olds, Chiara Maggi and Massimo Marrazzo, suspicion."

on charges of kidnapping, extortion and attempted Three movies have been made, so far, about the murder. The pair had snatched their victim, a 34-year-Monster and his crimes, ranging from a pornographic old merchant identified only as "Sandro," and held him feature to a documentary. One film was in production for four days in a garage "transformed into a torture in September 1985, and members of the crew rushed to center," where they brutally abused him in a fruitless the latest murder site, shooting new scenes to update effort to extract confessions of participation in the their story. Police, meanwhile, were fearful that Monster slayings. From jail, Maggi proclaimed suspi-increased publicity might prompt the killer to become cions that the victim—her former boyfriend—was a more active or encourage "copycats" to emulate his psychopath who had joined in the murder spree at age crimes. In fact, however, the slayer appeared to have 13 (in 1978). Detective Michele Giuttari dismissed that retired, with no confirmed kills since 1985.

assertion as groundless, maintaining that Pietro Pac-182

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ciani committed the murders in concert with an unnamed “man of refined intelligence.”

On April 5, 2001, the conservative Times of London reported police assertions that the Monster’s crimes were planned and carried out by a cult

of “high society Satanists” pursuing “weird rituals that beggar belief.”

The group’s leader, “in light of new evidence,” was thought to be a “distinguished doctor” driven by a

“sick and twisted mind.” Giancarlo Lotti, at trial in 1997, had proclaimed, “I don’t know what this doctor is called, but I do know that it was he who ordered the

‘jobs.’ ” Investigating magistrate Paolo Canessa also referred to “a mystery woman” who had drugged and beaten Pacciani’s wife before ransacking the suspect’s hovel. Financial records, lately uncovered, revealed cash deposits exceeding $550,000 into various bank

accounts maintained by Pacciani through the years, while he worked as a common farm laborer. Canessa now regarded Pacciani himself as a murder victim, declaring, “It wasn’t a violent death like those he inflicted on his victims, but it was a slow and certain death as a result of taking the wrong medication for his diabetic and heart complaints.”

Indeed, police now believe that murders of accomplices who “knew too much” began in 1981, when a friend of Pacciani’s named Renato Malatesta was hanged in a stable. Twelve years later, Malatesta’s daughter Milva and her three-year-old son were found dead in a burned-out car. A few days after that grim discovery, police found another torched car containing the body of Francesco Suspect Pietro Pacciani was convicted, then freed on Vinci, Milva Malatesta’s lover and another friend of Pac-appeal. He died before his second trial. (Author’s collection) ciani, who was once himself a Monster suspect. In 1994, persons unknown murdered and burned a local prostitute, Anna Mettei, who had been the lover of Francesco Vinci’s son. “It can’t be a coincidence,” a detective told the Monster case. Press reports noted that Mattei had reporters. “We think these people not only knew the written a book on the case (Rabbit on Tuesday, 1992) killers, but also knew who was acting in the shadows which anticipated evidence uncovered by police in early behind them.” Authorities now suspect that Pacciani tried 2001. Bruno, meanwhile, had regaled talk-show view-to blackmail the “evil mastermind” behind the murders, ers with details of a secret service report prepared in thus launching a purge of potential witnesses. Detectives early 1985 that suggested an occult link in the crimes.

had “a fair idea” of the leader’s identity, they said, but That report alleged that female genitalia and left breasts large rewards—thus far

unclaimed—were offered for fur-were prized for black magic rituals, and it went on to ther information.

pinpoint a remote villa where the rituals may have On August 7, 2001, Detective Giuttari gave Florence occurred. Still, despite the promise of arrests in April prosecutors a dossier allegedly confirming that "a 2001, no new charges were filed.

group of about a dozen Satanists, led by a distinguished Rumors of the phantom slayer's return circulated surgeon, had commissioned the murders." Giuttari told through Florence in June 2002, after caretakers at Cap-reporters that he had compiled a list of suspects and pelle del Commiato (a cemetery in the hills outside

"arrests would follow." A month later, police raided the town) reported five corpses mutilated by night-prowling homes and offices of Francesco Bruno, Italy's leading vandals over a span of eight days. The first incident, forensic psychologist, and Aurelio Mattei, another psy-involving an elderly woman's remains, was initially chologist, employed by the Italian secret service. While blamed on wild scavengers, but examination of the next denying that either man was a murder suspect, the two posthumous victims, one day later, revealed "care-police seized books, notes, and computer disks about ful removal of skin" in mutilations deemed "similar to ***183***

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those left on the victims of the Monster of Florence."

24, was parked with his 19-year-old girlfriend, Mary Most troubling were reports that the final corpse, of yet Larey, on a lonely road near Texarkana when a tall, another woman, had been mutilated while armed

masked man approached their car with gun in hand. He guards stood watch outside her tomb.

ordered Hollis from the car and clubbed him to the Rumors of a cult's involvement in the murders resur-ground, next turning on Larey and raping her with the faced in January 2004, with reports that four unnamed gun barrel, tormenting her to the point that she begged persons had been formally "cautioned" as suspects.

him to kill her. Instead, he slugged her with the gun and Those under scrutiny included a lawyer, a retired phar-turned back toward Hollis, allowing the young woman macist, and a former university professor specializing in to escape on foot. Both victims managed to survive dermatology and sexually transmitted diseases. On Jan-their ordeal, but the

gunman would not be so lax a sec-uary 19, a police raid at dawn scoured one 60-year-old ond time.

suspect's home for clues, but emerged without making On March 23, 1946, 29-year-old Richard Griffin arrests. Police also exhumed the body of Dr. Francesco and 17-year-old Polly Ann Moore were killed on a Narducci, who drowned in Lake Trasimeno in 1985, lonely Texarkana lover's lane. Both victims were shot in and while the press claimed that Narducci had "dab-the back of the head, Griffin found kneeling underneath bled" in occult rituals, no results of the belated autopsy the dashboard, and his girlfriend was sprawled in the were published.

back seat, but a blood-soaked patch of earth some 20

Six months later, speaking as the chief of a 10-man feet away suggested they had died outside the car. Both

"anti-Monster task force," Michele Giuttari told bodies were fully clothed, and recent reports deny any reporters, "These crimes are unique throughout the evidence of sexual assault, but contemporary rumors world for their cruelty and ferocity. They are black, featured mention of rape, torture, and mutilation brutal crimes. There are certainly ritualistic aspects, inflicted on Polly Moore.

which seem to have a relevance: the fact that the same Precisely three weeks later, on April 13, 17-year-old weapon was always used; the fact that the female bod-Paul Martin and 15-year-old Betty Jo Booker were ies were never touched by a hand, but only by a blade—

ambushed in Spring Lake Park, following a late dance even the clothes were cut away with a knife; the fact at the local VFW hall. Martin's lifeless body, shot four that the tombs of the victims have frequently been times, was found beside a rural highway on the morn-defaced and commemorative crosses vandalized. All ing of April 14. Booker's corpse was discovered six these things make an investigator curious." Giuttari hours later and a mile away, shot in the face and heart.

predicted "a breakthrough" in the case, but none had Again, the tales of fiendish torture spread through occurred when this work went to press. Ironically, Texarkana, though a crop of modern journalists who police in Lombardy arrested eight alleged Satanists in have researched the case reject them as untrue.

July 2004, charging them with a series of murders The fanfare of publicity, complete with Texas

around Milan, dating from 1998.

Rangers on patrol and homicide detectives staked out in the guise of teenage lovers, caused the killer to adopt a new technique for what was said to be his last attack.

"MOONLIGHT Murderer"

On May 4, 1946, 36-year-old Virgil Starks was shot America was still recovering from the trauma of World through the window of his farmhouse 10 miles from War II and the euphoria of V-J Day when headlines Texarkana as he read his evening paper after supper.

focused national attention on the town of Texarkana, Emerging from a bedroom at the sound of breaking straddling the Texas-Arkansas border. There, between glass, his wife was wounded twice before she managed March 23 and May 4, 1946, an unknown slayer

to escape and summon help from neighbors. In her claimed at least five victims, surfacing at three-week absence, the intruder prowled from room to room, leav-intervals to murder when the moon was full. His raming bloody footprints behind as he fled, dropping an page brought hysteria to Texarkana and environs, caus-untraceable flashlight in the bushes outside. Tracking ing citizens to fortify their homes or flee the town dogs were hurried to the scene, but they lost their man entirely, sparking incidents of violence when a paperboy at the point where he entered his car and drove off.

or salesman was mistaken for a lethal prowler in the Two days after the Starks attack, with Texarkana liv-night. Despite five decades of investigation and producing in a state of siege, a man's mangled body was found tion of a feature film about the case, it stands officially on the railroad tracks north of town. While some unsolved today, the so-called phantom gunman uniden-reporters have suggested that he may have been the tified.

killer capping off his murder spree with suicide, a coro-The killer's first attack, unrecognized for several ner's report of May 7, 1946, reveals that victim Earl weeks, took place on February 23. Jimmy Hollis, age McSpadden had been stabbed to death before his body ***184***

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was dumped on the tracks, suffering further mutilation from consideration as serial slayers, their argument when a train passed over at

5:30 A.M. Today, it seems becomes untenable when specific cases are examined.

more likely that McSpadden was another victim of the First, we know that some "dispassionate" assassins

"Moonlight Murderer," dispatched in an attempt to actually enjoy their work immensely, deriving both a end the manhunt with a simulated suicide.

psychological and a financial reward from their crimes.

Arkansas lawman Max Tackett claimed to have cap-Likewise many contract killers—including the likes of tured the killer in the summer of 1946, basing his case

"Iceman" Richard Kuklinski and Elmer "Trigger"

on disjointed remarks from a convicted car thief and an Burke—have committed private, personally motivated inadmissible statement from the suspect's wife. At least murders in addition to their contract "hits." It is also one FBI agent also fingered the thief, later sentenced to well established that pathological slayers like Thomas life on unrelated charges, as a prime suspect in the mur-Creech and Dennis Webb accept murder contracts on ders, but he was never charged. If he was the killer, that occasion, thus mixing business with pleasure.

fact somehow managed to elude Captain M. T. Gonza-A second type of criminal-enterprise slaying is the ullas, in charge of the Texas Rangers' investigation at gang-motivated murder. Again, some purists will com-Texarkana. As late as 1973, Gonzaullas listed the plain that no "gang-banger" should ever be counted as

"moonlight" murders as his most baffling case, vowing a "true" serial killer, no matter how many murders he that he would never stop hunting the killer as long as he commits . . . and again, the argument is weak. The lived. Today, the Ranger captain is no longer with us, aforementioned Thomas Creech and Dennis Webb both and the case remains officially unsolved.

rode with "outlaw" motorcycle gangs on occasion, committing several murders each on behalf of those groups. In Canada, prolific slayer Yves "Apache"

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Trudeau killed many of his 42 known victims as a ser-Serial killers in FICTION AND FILM are frequently por-vice to the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang, but an equal trayed as twisted geniuses, pursuing some gothic number were killed out of personal spite.

agenda that requires a modern Sherlock Holmes (or Criminal-competition homicide is a third form of even psychic powers) to cut short the reign of terror. In criminal enterprise slaying, similar in many ways—if real life, of course, the motives for serial murder are as not indistinguishable—from gang-related slayings. The diverse as those for any other type of crime—as varied, same arguments apply, and one need only recall the case in fact, as the killers themselves. Some "experts" still of "Homicide Harry" Strauss, linked to over 100 slay-insist that serial murder is "always sexual" in nature, ings with Brooklyn's "Murder Incorporated," to see but such broad generalization is no more valid than how prolific such killers may be.

claims that serial killers are "always male" or "always Kidnap murder is the fourth type of criminal-enter-white." In fact, there are no absolutes.

prise homicide, assuming some sort of demand in The FBI Crime Classification Manual (1992) pre-exchange for the victim's return. William Hickman was sents four broad categories of homicide with 32 subcat-one repeat killer who tried his hand at ransom kidnap-egories, nearly all of them applicable to some case of ping in 1927 to raise the tuition for college. He returned serial murder within recent years. Three are examined his 12-year-old victim on schedule, but she had been here, while the fourth—group-cause homicide—is dis-strangled, with her body hacked off at the waist, arms cussed in the essay on TEAM KILLERS. The manual itself severed at the elbows, eyes stitched open to present a provides a number of examples, clearly demonstrating semblance of life at the ransom exchange.

the diversity of motives for serial murder, and examina-The fifth type of criminal-enterprise slaying, product-tion of the several categories readily brings other cases tampering homicide, may—or may not—include a to mind.

financial-extortion demand. No motive has yet been determined for the unsolved "TYLENOL MURDERS" of ***CRIMINAL-ENTERPRISE HOMICIDE***

1982, but those crimes inspired another practitioner, The first category of murder, with 10 subheadings, is Stella Nickell, to poison her husband for his life insur-labeled by the Bureau as criminal-enterprise homicide—

ance. As an adjunct to the scheme, she also killed a total that is, any murder committed for personal gain. Some stranger with poisoned Extra-

Strength Excedrin cap-purists will contend that serial murderers "never kill for sules in an effort to divert police attention from herself.

profit," but again, such absolutist claims will not sur-Drug murder, the sixth type of criminal-enterprise vive close scrutiny.

killing, is typically—but not necessarily—related to The first subcategory of criminal-enterprise homicide organized gang activity. Once again, the distinction is is contract or third-party murder. While some theorists blurred because many serial killers abuse drugs exten- automatically exclude contract killers or "hit men"

sively, and some occasionally sell drugs to support

themselves. Convicted killer William Mentzer, presently tially a crime of passion, as when CARROLL EDWARD

serving life in California, is known to have participated COLE strangled his second wife in a drunken rage. The in cocaine smuggling and drug-related murders in staged domestic homicide may also spring from stress Florida. That commercial activity did not prevent him or anger, but an effort is made to deceive investigators, from committing other homicides for personal motives, as when Paula Sims blamed a nonexistent "masked including alleged involvement in satanic human sacrifice.

intruder" for the deaths of two successive children.

The most common form of criminal-enterprise slayA third kind of personal-cause homicide is labeled ing linked to "bona fide" serial killers is doubtless the argument murder, resulting from verbal disputes in the insurance/inheritance-related death. A majority of those heat of the moment, distinguished from spontaneous who kill successive relatives and spouses, including both domestic slayings by the FBI's insistence that victims male "BLUEBEARD" slayers and female "BLACK WID-exclude family or household members. This sounds like OWS," murder in anticipation of some financial reward.

nitpicking until we recall the penchant for sudden vio-The FBI manual further subdivides this type of murder lence among many serial killers, prepared to lash out on into individual-profit and commercial-profit slayings. In a whim, in response to real or imagined insults. Prolific the first case, the killer hopes to profit financially, as slayer David Bullock shot one victim for laughing at him, through a life insurance payment; in the second, his-or-another for the simple act of "messing with [a] Christ-her desire is

to achieve controlling interest in an active mas tree, telling me how nice the Christmas tree was."

business concern (and the profits from same).

Conflict murders, in contrast to those arising from The last category of criminal-enterprise slaying, verbal arguments, spring from some ongoing tension dubbed felony murder, refers to slayings that occur dur-between killer and victim. The circumstances may ing commission of some other crime, such as robbery or include anything from a feud between neighbors (which burglary. Again, the FBI recognizes two subtypes. Indis-prompted DONALD HARVEY to poison one of his few criminate felony murder refers to a homicide planned in victims not killed in hospitals) to a clash between crimi-advance but without specific victims in mind, as when a nal accomplices (as when Elmer Henley shot and killed store is robbed and the customers killed to eliminate DEAN CORLL in Houston, Texas).

witnesses. Charles Sinclair, a nomadic killer linked to A fifth kind of personal-cause homicide, labeled the murders of 10 coin shop proprietors, exemplifies authority killing by the FBI, involves the murder of an such action. The flip side of the coin, situational felony actual or perceived authority figure in the killer's life.

murder, involves a murder spawned by panic, confu-Prime examples may be found in the work of serial sion, or impulse. Again, William Hickman provides a killers who, like HENRY LUCAS and EDMUND KEMPER, case in point, with his "accidental" murder of a Los murdered abusive parents while simultaneously preying Angeles druggist after police surprised him in an act of on strangers outside the home.

robbery.

Revenge killing, yet another kind of personal-cause homicide, represents an act of retaliation for some real ***PERSONAL-CAUSE HOMICIDE***

or perceived injury. The target, in turn, may be either The second broad classification of murder is personal-symbolic or specific. Rudy Bladel, for instance, mur-cause homicide, defined as "an act ensuing from inter-dered a series of railroad employees after losing his job personal aggression [that] results in death to person(s) with the Rock Island Line, the killings cast in his mind who may not be known to each other. The homicide is as retribution against a heartless corporation.

not motivated by personal gain or sex and is not sanc-A seventh type of personal cause homicide, dubbed tioned by a group. It is the result of an underlying emo-nonspecific-motive killing, seems to be a catchall cate-tional conflict that propels the offender to kill." Few gory for crimes without an apparent (or rational) students of crime would deny that these motives apply motive. The acts of delusional psychotics fall into this in many cases of serial murder.

category, and the FBI manual cites HERBERT MULLIN as The first subcategory listed in the Bureau manual is an example, with his murders intended to prevent erotomania-motivated killing, wherein murder springs earthquakes in California.

from the killer's fixation with his victim. A case in point Extremist homicide, the eighth class of personal is Nathan Trupp's murder of five total strangers in 1988, murders, is subdivided by FBI analysts into political, while stalking TV star Michael Landon (whom Trupp religious, and socioeconomic murders, the latter believed to be involved in a global fascist conspiracy).

spawned by hatred of specific ethnic, social, or religious Domestic homicide, another form of personal-cause groups. The sole example cited by the FBI is serial killer murder, may be either spontaneous or staged. The killer JOSEPH PAUL FRANKLIN, labeled a "political" killer in such cases has a familial or common-law relationship despite his obsessive hatred of blacks and Jews. A case to his victim. Spontaneous domestic murder is essen-of religious extremism leading to murder is seen in ***186***

MULLIN, Herbert William

James and Susan Carson, self-styled "Muslim warriors"

MULLIN, Herbert William

who killed three suspected "witches" in compliance Born in Salinas, California, in April 1947, Mullin was with a verse from the Koran. Norman Bernard, who the son of Catholic parents, reared by his devout shot homeless transients as "a favor," offers an example mother in an atmosphere that his own father regarded of the socioeconomic killer.

as oppressively religious. Still, Herbert seemed normal

“Mercy” homicides spring from a slayer’s warped enough through his teens, participating in high school desire to end suffering by ending lives. It is a motive athletics and winning the class vote of confidence as often seen in MEDICAL MURDERS, particularly in the case

“most likely to succeed.” The June 1965 death of of homicidal nurses or nurse’s aides. The FBI manual Mullin’s best friend in a car crash appeared to change cites Donald Harvey as a case in point, with his confes- everything, producing a sudden and startling shift in sions to murdering more than 50 hospital patients.

Herb’s personality. His bedroom was transformed into Closely related to “mercy” killing is another form of a shrine, with furniture arranged around the dead boy’s personal murder, hero homicide. In such cases, exempli-photograph, and Mullin warned his girlfriend that he fied by killer nurses GENENE JONES and Richard Angelo, might be “turning gay.”

the slayer creates life-or-death situations while planning By February 1969, Mullin seemed obsessed with

to “save the day” and garner adulation for himself, but Eastern religions, his family noting that he had become death results from careless planning or technique.

“more and more unrealistic” in daily behavior. A The final type of personal-cause homicide, hostage month later, they persuaded him to enter a mental insti-murder, occurs most often with serial killers at the time tution, but he refused to cooperate with psychiatrists of capture or when they are interrupted in commission and was released after six weeks. October found him in of another crime. Fred Klenner and South African the depths of full-blown paranoid schizophrenia, exac-pedophile Gert Van Rooyen both took girlfriends erbated by consumption of LSD and marijuana. Mullin hostage when authorities confronted them; each killed heard “voices” commanding him to shave his head or his hostage before committing suicide.

burn his penis with a cigarette, and he obeyed their ***SEXUAL HOMICIDE***

A third type of murder, sexual homicide, is clearly dominant in the realm of serial murder, where sexual motives are seen in two-thirds of all cases. The killer’s expression of sexuality may be symbolic, even bizarre—

as in cases of VAMPIRISM and CANNIBALISM—but it is there, all the same.

The FBI manual divides sexual murders into four broad categories. The "ORGANIZED" and "DISORGANIZED" types are discussed in separate entries, while the

"mixed" category provides a convenient dump for lust killers who defy pigeonholing. The worst cases on record are those of sadistic sex murder, typically including prolonged torture and bizarre mutilation of victims.

LAWRENCE ("Pliers") BITTAKER is a prime example, his practice of tape-recording torture sessions with his victims mimicked and improved upon by others like Canadian Paul Bernardo in this age of minicams.

In closing, it should never be assumed that all serial killers are one-dimensional drones, obsessed with a single motive to the exclusion of all other thoughts. The same offender who has raped and killed a dozen women in the past may brain his spouse tomorrow in the heat of a domestic argument or poison an aging parent to hasten a financial windfall. By all accounts, killing becomes easier with practice, over time. When it becomes habitual, a way of life, no one within the slayer's reach is ever truly safe.

Herbert Mullin killed to prevent catastrophic earthquakes.

See also MODUS OPERANDI; PARAPHILIA; PROFILING

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every order. Briefly returned to the hospital, he began strophic earthquakes from destroying California.

writing letters to dozens of total strangers, signing them Charged and convicted in 10 of the murders (omitting

"a human sacrifice, Herb Mullin." An ill-advised trip to White, Guilfoyle, and Tomei), Mullin was sentenced to Hawaii in June 1970 resulted in Mullin's brief commit-life imprisonment. He will be eligible for parole in ment to a mental institution there. Back in Santa Cruz, 2020.

his odd behavior led to conflicts with police, and his problems were not erased by 15 months of hiding out in cheap San Francisco hotels. By the time he came home ***MUNCHAUSEN'S Syndrome by Proxy***

again in September 1972, the disembodied voices were Named in 1951 for the legendary 18th-century purveyor commanding him to kill.

of tall tales, Baron von Munchausen, Munchausen's syn-On October 13, 1972, while driving aimlessly

drome is the psychiatric label for excessive hypochon-through the Santa Cruz mountains, Mullin spotted dria, a compulsive bid for sympathetic attention that elderly transient Lawrence White. Pulling his car to the includes false claims of illness and occasional self-injury.

side of the road, Mullin asked White to help him with A curious parallel condition with relevance to serial some "engine trouble," then beat the old man to death murder, first described in 1977, is Munchausen's syn-with a baseball bat and left his body where it lay.

drome by proxy, wherein those responsible for care of Eleven days later, he picked up coed Mary Guilfoyle, children, invalids, and the like seek attention by harming stabbed her in the heart, then disemboweled her, scat-their charges. A possible extension of the "hero" motive tering her organs on the shoulder of a lonely road, ascribed to some MEDICAL MURDERS in the FBI's Crime where skeletal remains were found in February 1973.

Classification Manual (1992), Munchausen's syndrome On November 2, Mullin spoke too freely in the confes-by proxy is also deemed responsible in certain cases sional at St. Mary's Church, afterward fatally stabbing where parents—always mothers, in the cases logged to Father Henry Tomei in a bid to protect himself from date—kill their own children. MARYBETH TINNING is a exposure.

prime example, described by psychoanalysts as a virtual Mullin's crimes coincidentally overlapped those of sympathy junkie who murdered eight of her children serial slayer EDMUND KEMPER, earning Santa Cruz an between 1972 and 1985, all for the attention she unwelcome reputation as "Murderville, USA." By received in periods of mourning. Such killers are often November 1972, Herbert was hearing brand-new

adept at covering their tracks, and cases like Tinning's voices, emanating from prospective victims, begging and that of MARTHA WOODS (seven children slain him to kill them. He bought a pistol in December and between 1946 and 1969) have led to urgent reevaluation resumed the hunt.

of families reporting multiple cases of SUDDEN INFANT

On January 25, 1973, Mullin went looking for Jim DEATH SYNDROME.

Gianera, the man who had "turned him on" to mari-See also MOTIVES

juana years earlier. Herb now regarded that act as part of a plot to destroy his mind, and he meant to avenge himself. Calling at Gianera's old address, he received ***MYTHICAL Murders Reported in "Nonfiction"***

new directions from 29-year-old Kathy Francis. Moving ***Sources***

on, he found Gianera at home, shot the man to death, Serial killers at large are so frightening and fascinat-then knifed and shot Gianera's wife for good measure.

ing—so "sexy," in media parlance—that some "nonfic-From there, Mullin doubled back to kill Kathy Francis tion" authors seemingly cannot resist inventing cases of and her two small sons, shooting all three as they lay in their own. Sometimes, the fudging amounts to simple bed.

exaggeration of known body counts for well-estab-On February 6, Mullin was hiking in a nearby state lished slayers, while in other cases the reporters go all park when he met four teenage campers. Approaching out, apparently manufacturing killers and victims out the boys with casual conversation, he whipped out his of thin air for the sake of "a good story." Unfortu-gun and killed all four in a rapid burst of fire before nately, those tales are proffered as fact and may lead the they could react or flee. A week later, driving through serious student astray. They are included here to set the Santa Cruz, Mullin pulled to the curb and fatally shot record straight.

Fred Perez while the old man was working in his gar-One of the earliest, most frequently exaggerated den. This time, neighbors saw his license plate and cases involves London's "JACK THE RIPPER" in 1888.

Mullin was arrested by patrolmen moments later.

Authorities involved in the manhunt generally agreed In custody, Mullin confessed to his crimes, insisting that Jack killed five women—and only five—between that the homicides were necessary to prevent cata-August and November of that fateful year. Still, specu-188

MYTHICAL Murders Reported in "Nonfiction" Sources lation on additional victims, ranging in number from

"The Executioner": Described as an unidentified seven to 20 or more, continues in various published stalker who "killed at least nine transients"

accounts to the present day. Some of the "extra" vic-around Los Angeles in 1986, with the method of tims really were killed in London during the Ripper's murder unstated, this "unsolved" case mirrors the heyday but in circumstances radically divergent from crimes of "Skid Row Slayer" Michael Player, who Red Jack's pattern; others—generally cited only as shot nine men (eight of them homeless) before

anonymous statistics—are apparently figments of the killing himself in October 1986. The case was

individual author's imagination.

closed in February 1987 after ballistics tests Other examples of misstatement in the field include: linked Player's weapon to the murders.

Salvatore Agron: Described in one text as a serial SOURCE: Hickey, Serial Murderers and Their slayer who "dressed like Dracula" and drank the Victims.

blood of "several" victims, this 16-year-old resi-Joliet murders: Erroneously presented as the dent of New York City was in fact a street gang unsolved 1983 slayings of "fifteen victims" in member, convicted (with others) in the routine Joliet, Illinois, this series actually included 17

1959 murder of two rival gangsters.

deaths in two counties. Authorities consider at SOURCE: J. Gordon Melton, The Vampire least 12 of the murders solved with the 1984

Book (1994).

arrest of serial killer MILTON JOHNSON.

Arizona ("Ma") Barker: The notorious mother of SOURCE: Hickey, Serial Murderers and Their depression-era bank robbers appears in one

Victims.

strange account as a sadistic lesbian who kid-

"Los Angeles Slasher": Vaguely described as the napped, tortured, and murdered countless young slayer of eight unspecified victims in 1974, this women, afterward ordering her outlaw sons to

nonexistent UNSUB was apparently spawned by a

dump the bodies in various Minnesota lakes. No hasty reading of inaccurate reports on the "Skid such corpses were ever found, and no evidence

Row Slasher" case (see below).

exists to support the story.

SOURCE: Hickey, Serial Murderers and Their SOURCE: Jay Robert Nash, Look for the Victims.

Woman (1981).

"Midtown Slasher": A brief but notorious series of Australian "Ripper": An alleged series of mutilation-Manhattan stabbings, solved in July 1981 with

murders claiming at least seven victims between the arrest of Charles Sears, but still sometimes 1976 and 1979. While certainly plausible, no such erroneously cited as an unsolved case.

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crimes have been discovered through repeated

SOURCE: Norris, *Serial Killers.*

queries to Australian police and journalists.

Moscow beheadings: An alleged series of decapitations *SOURCE:* Jay Robert Nash, *Crime Chronol-claiming "several" female victims during 1979. No ogy (1984).*

supporting evidence for this case has been found in

"Chicago Ripper": Presented as the unidentified the 15 years since its original publication.

mutilation-slayer of 20 women, the last killed in SOURCE: Nash, Crime Chronology.

January 1906. (A second, garbled version claims Joseph Mumfre: Named definitively in various all 20 murders occurred in 1906.) Chicago news-accounts as the "

papers reveal that the victim in question was shot, AX MAN OF NEW ORLEANS,"

although he apparently never existed. One such with no reported mutilations, and that her death was speculatively linked to one other slaying. No report, by Jay Robert Nash, states that "Between trace of the elusive Ripper or his 20 victims is 1916 and 1920 Mumfre . . . systematically mur-found in contemporary reports.

dered, according to reports, twelve members of SOURCES: Nash, Crime Chronology; Eric the Pepitone family, using an axe to bash in each Hickey, Serial Murderers and Their Victims (1997).

victim's head." No source is offered for said

"Dunes case": Reported from Provincetown, Massa-

"reports," but they are clearly erroneous, since chusetts, in the 198Os, where we are told that only one of the stalker's known victims—the

"police are investigating the serial killer who left last—was named Pepitone. Researcher William

the bodies of twelve young women in sand

Kingman conclusively demonstrates that Mum-

dunes." In fact, authorities confirm the occurrence fre's reported murder by one Ax Man victim's

of only one such murder, involving a woman

widow, cited as proof of his guilt, never occurred.

found with her hands and feet severed.

Today, no record of Joseph Mumfre's life or death SOURCE: Joel Norris, Serial Killers (1988).

exists.

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MYTHICAL Murders Reported in "Nonfiction" Sources SOURCE: Jay Robert Nash, Bloodletters and

"Sunday Morning Slasher": A series of attacks on Badmen (1973).

young women in Ann Arbor, Michigan, between

Edward Paisnal: A sadistic British pedophile who April and July 1980, solved with the 1982 confes-abused numerous children but never killed any-

sion of CORAL WATTS. Years later, one account

one, described erroneously in one text as a serial described the "unsolved" crimes occurring in

killer who buried victims at his home.

Houston, Texas, during 1981.

SOURCE: Norris, Serial Killers.

SOURCE: Norris, Serial Killers.

"Miguel Rivera": A pseudonym applied to New York

"Suspect unknown": A series of unsolved murders City serial murder suspect ERNO SOTO in author from 1983, allegedly involving four women in

Barbara Gelb's On the Track of Murder (1975).

White Plains, New York. Queries to police and

While Gelb informs her readers that an alias has journalists in White Plains have failed to discover been employed, "Rivera" still crops up as a flesh-any such crimes in 1983 or any other year.

and-blood killer in other nonfiction works.

SOURCE: Norris, Serial Killers.

SOURCE: Brian Lane and Wilfred Gregg, The

"Suspect unknown": A report of alleged serial Encyclopedia of Serial Killers (1992).

murders at a convalescent home in Galveston,

"Ralph Searl" and "Tommy Searl": Pseudonyms Texas, with police "investigating the deaths of applied to real-life serial-killing brothers DANNY

twenty-eight geriatric patients" in 1983. This and LARRY RANES by author Conrad Hilberry in

case, apparently, does have some basis in reality, his book Luke Karamazov (1987). Once again, but it was not an example of serial murder.

the original book acknowledges use of pseudo-

Rather, journalists in Galveston report that

nyms, but careless derivative works refer to the authorities investigated the "home" in question

"Searl" brothers and list their several victims by for chronic neglect of its inmates, resulting in fictional names.

several deaths.

SOURCE: Lane and Gregg, The Encyclopedia SOURCE: Norris, Serial Killers.

of Serial Killers.

"Texas Strangler": Reported as a series of 12

"Skid Row Slasher": Described as an unsolved case, unsolved murders committed in the late 1960s

sometimes with incorrect dates and a mistaken

and early 197Os, although several of the murders tally of victims, in works published long after the listed were solved in 1972, with the conviction of arrest and conviction of perpetrator VAUGHN

defendant Johnny Meadows.

GREENWOOD.

SOURCES: Nash, Open Files; Hickey, Serial SOURCES: Jay Robert Nash, Open Files Murderers and Their Victims.

(1984); Norris, Serial Killers.

"3X": The unidentified New York gunman who

"Mary Eleanor Smith" and "Earl Smith": An appar-killed two men and raped one woman in June

ent effort to report the case of mother-son killing 1930 unaccountably appears in some recent

team Anne French and William Mayer, so garbled accounts as a "mad bomber" who "terrorized the in transition that it becomes recognizable only city in the early 1930s."

through mention of French's nickname ("Shoebox SOURCES: Nash, Open Files and Bloodletters Annie").

and Badmen (1996).

SOURCES: Eric Hickey, Serial Murderers and

"Trailside Killer": The case of eight hikers murdered Their Victims (1991); Ronald Holmes and around Point Reyes, California, between August Stephen Holmes, Serial Murder (1998).

1979 and March 1981, solved with the 1984 con-

"Soda Pop Slasher": The alleged mutilation-slayer of viction of David Carpenter, erroneously described 13 victims around New York City, still at large years later as involving "a cult killer of seven but "controlled" by the vigilance of his psychia-hitchhikers" in 1980, with the killer "still at trist, who tells the tale. Admitted use of pseudo-large."

nyms and altered dates makes the "notorious"

SOURCE: Norris, Serial Killers.

case difficult to track. Suffice it to say that no case

"Tulsa bludgeonings": The murders of four red-even vaguely similar has ever been reported in the haired women between 1942 and 1948, solved

New York Times, while various incidents and with the arrest of Charles Floyd in 1949, is still characters from the book mirror elements from

presented as unsolved in some accounts.

such cinematic thrillers as Final Analysis and SOURCE: Jay Robert Nash, Encyclopedia of Color of Night.

World Crime (1992).

SOURCE: Martin Obler and Thomas Clavin,

"ZODIAC": California's legendary one-that-got-Fatal Analysis (1997).

away, cited in print as a killer who "murdered and **190**

MYTHICAL Murders Reported in "Nonfiction" Sources sexually assaulted several children in San Fran-fact, "Zodiac" was active from 1966 to 1969,

cisco" during 1974, and who was "[g]iven his

killed only adults, and coined his own nickname name by the police because he carved the sign of in letters to the press.

the zodiac [*sic*] into the bodies of his victims." In *SOURCE:* Norris, *Serial Killers.*

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NASH, "Trigger"

NEELLEY, Alvin Howard and Judith Ann

An officer with the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department Born June 7, 1964, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Judith in the 1940s, first name unknown,

“Trigger” Nash (aka Adams was the third of five children. She was nine years

“Itchy Trigger Finger”) earned his nickname by fatally old when her father died in a motorcycle crash, barely shooting more than a dozen black men. Nash was also 15 when she met the man who would irrevocably

a member in good standing of the night-riding Ku Klux change her life. Alvin Neelley was a Georgia native, Klan, his cover blown in 1948 when infiltrator Stetson known to friends and family as a childhood prankster, Kennedy began furnishing newspaper columnist Drew

“always smiling.” Rejected by the navy for a minor Pearson with minutes of meetings at Nathan Bedford heart condition, Alvin tried his hand at marriage, but it Forest Klavern No. 1. Several Atlanta policemen didn’t take. He left three children when he hit the road addressed a Klan gathering on November 1, 1948, and and drifted through a string of odd jobs, winding up in Nash got a round of applause “for killing his thirteenth Tennessee. Eleven years Judith’s senior, Neelley dazzled nigger in the line of duty.” According to the minutes of her with his “sophistication,” and they eloped to Georgia in the fall of 1979.

that gathering,

They settled briefly in Kennesaw, but Alvin’s job at a roadside market offered no hope for advancement.

Trigger Nash, also a policeman, got up and made a talk Soon the lovers began to drift again, pulling small rob-and said he hoped he wouldn’t have all the honor of beries and passing bad checks to support themselves on *killing the niggers in the South, and he hoped the peo-the road. Judith was five months pregnant when they ple would do something about it themselves.*

finally married in Ringgold, Georgia, on July 14, 1980.

Their honeymoon was an aimless trek through

Today, in most jurisdictions, such a public statement Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas, always wind-would doubtless result in the patrolman being fired and ing back to Georgia when they tired of traveling.

most likely prosecuted under state or federal law. In On October 31, 1980, Judith robbed a woman at

1948, however, ranking officers of the Klan-ridden gunpoint in the parking lot of Riverbend Mall in Rome, Atlanta PD saw nothing unique or disturbing in Nash’s Georgia. Arrested 10 days later as she tried to cash a

behavior. (Kennedy also revealed that Atlanta's Klan rubber check, she steered police to the motel where Al

"kops" had destroyed vital evidence in the case of a sat waiting. Together, they faced one count of robbery black taxi driver murdered by Klansmen.) Nash's ulti-and 15 counts of forgery. Judith delivered twins on mate fate is unknown, impossible to trace in the November 12, and five days later she was transferred to absence of cooperation from local authorities, but there a juvenile facility, the Rome Youth Development Cenis no record of prosecution for any of his multiple racist ter. For his role in the crime spree, Alvin drew a five-homicides.

year prison term.

NEELLEY, Alvin Howard and Judith Ann

And when the thrill of stealing paled, they turned to random violence for the hell of it.

On September 10, 1982, four shots were fired into the home of Ken Dooley, a teacher at the Rome YDC.

The following night, a Molotov cocktail damaged the house occupied by another YDC staffer, Linda Adair. At 1:41 A.M. on September 12, a female caller told police in Rome that the attacks were linked to "sex abuse that I went through in the YDC." She did not leave her name, but operators taped the call as a matter of routine.

Two weeks later, on September 25, 13-year-old Lisa Millican was abducted from the same Riverbend Mall where Judith had robbed her last victim in October 1980. A resident of Cedartown's home for neglected children, Lisa was enjoying a day's outing when she met Judith Neelley and was lured into Alvin's clutches. The couple held her prisoner for three days, repeatedly molesting her in seedy motel rooms while their own children watched. Finally tiring of the game, Judith tried injecting their victim with liquid drain cleaner, but she kept hitting muscle instead of a vein, reducing Lisa's flesh to what a coroner would call "the consistency of anchovy paste." Still Lisa lived, in agony, and she was driven to Alabama's Little River Canyon, where she was finished off with bullets after more injections failed to do the job. Back in Rome, Judith made several anonymous calls to police, directing them to the body, apparently unaware that her voice was being recorded for posterity.

Three days after Lisa's body was found, on October 3, 26-year-old John Hancock and his fiancée, 23-year-old Janice Chatman, were walking down Rome's

Judith Neelley (Author's collection)

Shorter Street when a flashy car pulled to the curb.

Incredibly, when total stranger Judith Neelley asked them to a party, both agreed, climbing into her car for a The outlaw lovers kept in touch while they were drive to some nearby woods. En route, they played with locked away, some of the letters warm and loving, oth-Judith's children and eavesdropped on her CB conversa-ers jealous and accusatory. Alvin thought Judith was tion with "The Nightrider." Alvin was waiting when bedding black guards at the YDC; she threatened death they reached their destination, but Hancock later fin-to his imaginary girlfriends on the street. Released from gered Judith as the one who drew a gun and marched custody in November 1981, Judith had to wait another them through the trees, shooting him once in the back five months for Alvin's parole. In the

meantime, she and leaving him for dead. Janice Chatman, like the played mother to her two children.

killer family, was gone without a trace when Hancock Money always seemed to be a problem for the tran-revived and staggered off in search of help.

sient lovers who saw themselves as latter-day outlaws.

Initially, police saw no connections in the string of Sometimes they called each other "Boney and Claude,"

recent crimes. That changed on October 12 with help a joking reference to depression-era desperadoes Bonnie from Linda Adair. The Hancock shooting had occurred Parker and Clyde Barrow. On the highway, driving sep-near her home, and descriptions of the slender blond arate cars, they kept in touch with CB radios. Al Neel-with two young children rang a bell. Adair supplied ley called himself "The Nightrider," while Judith detectives with a snapshot of the Neelley twins, mug preferred "Lady Sundance." In case anyone missed the shots of Al and Judith quickly filling in the family point, she was glad to explain: "You know, like Butch album. Hancock recognized their faces in a photo Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. " The cars were bought lineup; so did two young women earlier approached by with $1,800 Alvin pilfered from the first job he Judith on the street, both wise enough to turn her invi-obtained upon release from jail.

tation down.

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Police got a break on October 14 when the Neelleys her first husband. Altogether, Browning's performance were arrested for check fraud in Judith's hometown of left much to be desired.

Murfreesboro. Alvin initially denied raping Lisa Milli-Jurors retired briefly before convicting Judith on all can, but he finally caved in. Even so, he insisted, the counts, but they were sympathetic enough to recom-crimes had been Judith's idea. She enjoyed rough sex mend life imprisonment over death. Judge Randall Cole with women, Alvin said, but the real turn-on was disagreed, pronouncing a sentence of death on April 18, power—in this case, the literal power of life and death.

1983. At 18, Judith Neelley became the youngest resi-Neelley fingered his wife for a minimum of eight murdent of Alabama's death row.

ders, perhaps as many as 15, committed in her role as Police were still intrigued by Alvin's tale of other

"enforcer" for an elusive white-slave ring. More to the homicides, and while they found four Georgia cases point, he sketched and signed a map of rural Chattooga between December 1981 and June 1982 still unsolved, County, Georgia, where police found Janice Chatman's no evidence connected either Neelley to the crimes. In decomposing corpse.

August 1984, a young woman in Murfreesboro identi-The sketch sealed Alvin's fate in Georgia, but author-fied newspaper photos of Judith as the same "Casey"

ities in Alabama had no evidence to place him in the who lured her to a motel in October 1982, there pulling neighborhood of Little River Canyon where Lisa Milli-a gun and joining her husband in an all-night marathon can was killed. Indicted for murder and aggravated of sexual assault. Between rapes, "Casey" had boasted assault in the Chatman-Hancock case, Alvin pled guilty of numerous murders, but again, no further evidence and was sentenced to a double term of life imprison-was found.

ment. He would not testify in Alabama when his help-Judith Neelley's motion for a new trial was denied on mate went to trial.

September 6, 1983, and her conviction was later And the wheels of justice were already turning for affirmed on appeal. Her death sentence was commuted Judith across the border in DeKalb County. On

to life imprisonment on January 8, 1999.

December 17, she was denied youthful offender status and ordered to face trial as an adult on charges of first-degree murder, abduction with intent to harm, ***NELSON, Leonard Earle***

and abduction with intent to terrorize and sexually Born in Philadelphia on May 12, 1897, Nelson was violate. It was a lethal combination, "special circum-orphaned at nine months of age when his unmarried stances" that could send her off to the electric chair mother died of advanced venereal disease. Raised by an unless she beat the rap. Judith responded with a dual aunt whose religious zeal bordered on fanaticism, he plea of not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity, was described as "quiet and morbid" during early her trial set for March 7, 1983. Psychiatrists found childhood. At age 10, while playing in the street, he was her competent and legally sane, despite some evidence struck by a trolley and dragged 50 feet; the accident left of "situational depression" and a vague personality him

comatose for six days with a hole in his temple, disorder—"either of the passive-aggressive or depen-resulting in headaches and dizziness that grew progres-dent type."

sively worse. Near the end of his life, Nelson suffered Dependency, in fact, would be the key to Judith's from pain so severe that he was sometimes unable to defense, painting herself as a battered wife who fol-walk.

lowed Alvin's every command in fear of her life.

Aside from headaches, there were other side effects Alabama detectives countered with descriptions of from Nelson's accident. His moods grew more oppres-Judith as "one mean bitch" who "liked scaring people, sive, broken up by manic periods in which he took to dominating them."

walking on his hands or lifting heavy chairs with his Judith's trial opened in Fort Payne on schedule, with teeth. He read the Bible compulsively, underlining the defendant spending three days on the witness stand.

numerous passages, but also shocked his aunt by talk-Predictably, she blamed her husband for everything, ing "smut" and spying on his female cousin as she describing a three-year ordeal of rapes and beatings. To stripped for bed. When not preoccupied with voyeurism each and every charge, the answer for her actions was or the scriptures, Nelson spent his time in basements, the same: "Because Al told me to."

relishing the solitude and darkness.

Alvin's first wife, Jo Ann Browning, also spoke for On May 21, 1918, Earle was charged with dragging the defense, describing a similar pattern of spousal a neighborhood girl into one of those basements and abuse, but her testimony was muddled and contradic-attempting to rape her. In court, it was revealed that tory. At one point, she told the court she had never Nelson had been called for military service and rejected divorced Alvin; moments later she reversed herself, as insane by the Naval Hospital Board, but he was con-explaining that she had married Alvin before divorcing victed regardless and sentenced to two years on a penal ***194***

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farm. His third escape attempt was successful, on Christmas, he strangled 23-year-old Bonnie Pace, December 4, and Nelson would remain at large until rebounding on December 28 with the double murder of the spring of 1921.

Germania Harpin and her eight-month-old son.

On August 5, 1919, posing as "Roger Wilson," Earle On April 27, 1927, Nelson strangled 53-year-old married a woman 36 years his senior. Their relationship Mary McConnell in Philadelphia. A month later, in Buf- was short lived, with Nelson's sexual perversions and falo, New York, the victim was 53-year-old Jennie Ran-obsessive jealousy driving his wife to the point of a ner-dolph. Moving on to Detroit, he murdered landlady vous breakdown after six months. He called upon her Fannie May and one of her tenants, Maurene Oswald, in the hospital, there attempting to molest her in her on June 1. Two days later, he strangled 27-year-old bed before the staff responded to her screams and drove Cecilia Sietsema in Chicago.

him off. Arrested as a fugitive, he escaped again in Nelson feared police were closing in on him by then November 1923.

and made a move to save himself that ultimately The next two years of Nelson's life are lost, but brought him to the gallows. Crossing the border into sometime in the interim between his flight and reap-Winnipeg, Canada, he rented a room on June 8, 1927, pearance, Nelson made the jump from rape to homi-and strangled Lola Cowan, a 13-year-old neighbor, the cide. In 16 months, from February 1926 to June 1927, same day. On June 9, housewife Emily Patterson was he claimed at least 22 victims, preying chiefly on wid-found bludgeoned and raped in her home, her body ows and spinsters who took him in, believing him to be hidden underneath a bed.

a mild-mannered boarder, and were impressed by his Hoping to cash in on his last crime, Nelson stole charm and the Bible he carried.

some clothing and sold it at a Winnipeg secondhand On February 20, 1926, Earle rented rooms from 60-shop. Spending his cash on a haircut, he aroused further year-old Clara Newman in San Francisco; she was suspicion when the barber noticed flecks of dried blood strangled and raped the same day. Following the identi-in his hair. Recognized from a wanted poster in the cal murder of 65-year-old Laura Beale in San Jose, local post office, Nelson was picked up and jailed in newsmen began writing stories about the "Dark Stran-Killarney; he escaped after picking the lock on his cell gler," but their suspect remained elusive.

with a nail file, but he was recaptured 12 hours later, On June 10, Nelson was back in San Francisco,

trying to slip out of town.

where he raped and strangled 63-year-old Lillian St.

Nelson's trial for the murder of Emily Patterson Mary, stuffing her body under a bed in her home. Ollie opened in Winnipeg on November 1, 1927. Only two Russell was the next to die, in Santa Barbara on June witnesses—his aunt and ex-wife—were called by the 24. On August 16, Mary Nisbit suffered an identical defense in support of Nelson's insanity plea. Convicted fate in Oakland.

and sentenced to die, he was hanged on January 13, California had become too hot for Nelson, and he 1928. Before the trap was sprung, he told spectators, "I sought a change of scene, selecting Portland, Oregon, at am innocent. I stand innocent before God and man. I random. On October 19, 32-year-old Beata Withers forgive those who have wronged me and ask forgive-was raped and strangled, her body stashed in a trunk.

ness of those I have injured. God have mercy!"

The next day, Nelson killed Virginia Grant and left her In addition to his 22 confirmed murders, Nelson was corpse behind the furnace in a house she had advertised also the prime suspect in a 1926 triple murder in for rent. October 21 found Nelson in the company of Newark, New Jersey. The victims included Rose Valen-Mable Fluke; her body, strangled with a scarf, was later tine and Margaret Stanton, both strangled, along with found in the attic of her home.

Laura Tidor, shot when she tried to defend them from Police in Portland finally identified their man, but their killer.

finding him proved much more difficult. (Interviews with Nelson's aunt recalled his hand-walking exploits, prompting reporters to dub him "The Gorilla Mur-NESSET, Arnfinn

derer.") Nelson struck again in San Francisco on Norway's premier serial killer was exposed in 1981 as a November 18, strangling the wife of William Edmonds.

result of journalistic curiosity. The Orkdal Valley Nurs-Six days later he strangled Blanche Myers in Oregon ing Home had opened for business in 1977, and its City, tucking her body beneath a bed in her boarding patients soon experienced a high rate of mortality. Con-house.

sidering their ages, this was not especially unusual; in As police dragnets swept the West Coast, Nelson early 1981, however, local journalists received a tip that moved eastward, hitchhiking and riding the rails. In hospital manager Arnfinn Nesset had ordered large Council Bluffs, Iowa, on December 23, he killed another quantities of curacit—a derivative

of curare, the same landlady, Mrs. John Brerard. Settling in Kansas City for poison used by South American Indians on the tips of ***195***

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their hunting arrows. Under questioning, Nesset first He was finally charged with killing 25 of the established claimed he purchased the poison

for use on a dog, then Orkdal Valley victims; five counts of forgery and changed his story and confessed to the murders of 27

embezzlement were added, based upon Nesset's theft of patients between May 1977 and November 1980.

some $1,800 from those he killed.

At 46, Nesset had already cinched the Scandinavian Nesset pled innocent on all counts when his trial record for serial murder, but he was not finished talk-opened in October 1982. Five months later, on March ing. "I've killed so many I'm unable to remember them 11, 1983, jurors convicted him on 22 counts of murder, all," he told police, prompting authorities to request one count of attempted murder, plus all five counts of lists of patients who had died in three institutions where forgery and embezzlement. Nesset was acquitted on the Nesset had worked since 1962. In all, detectives were three remaining murder charges, but it scarcely mat-left with a list of 62 possible victims, but autopsies were tered. Judges were unmoved by the defense plea that futile, since curacit becomes increasingly difficult to Nesset considered himself a "demigod," holding the trace with the passage of time.

power of life and death over his elderly patients. He Nesset offered a variety of MOTIVES for the mur-was given the maximum sentence allowed under Nor-ders—mercy killing, schizophrenia, simple morbid plea-wegian law: 21 years in prison, with a possibility of 10

sure in the act itself—which led defense attorneys to more years' preventive detention.

suggest that he was mentally unbalanced. Four psychia-See also MEDICAL MURDERS

trists examined the balding, bespectacled killer, each pronouncing him sane and fit for trial. Before his day in court, the suspect proved his sanity by suddenly recant-NILSEN, Dennis Andrew

ing his confessions, leaving prosecutors in a quandary.

Born in Scotland on November 23, 1945, Nilsen seldom saw his Norwegian father, who preferred strong drink and travel to the quiet life at home. Nilsen's parents were divorced when he was four years old, and his mother soon remarried. Joining the army in 1961, Nilsen remained in uniform for 11 years. Upon discharge, he moved to London and became a policeman, moving on from there through a series of government jobs. A closet homosexual, Nilsen would not kill for sex as did DEAN CORLL and

JOHN GACY in the United States. Rather, his crimes appear to be the product of sheer loneliness, coupled with a morbid fascination for death. Keeping remains of his victims on hand for months at a time, Nilsen was (in the words of biographer Brian Masters), literally “killing for company.”

Nilsen’s loneliness was held at bay through 1976 and early 1977 by the presence of a live-in companion 10

years his junior. While they apparently never had sex, the younger man provided Nilsen with friendship and someone to talk to, sharing the daily grind of cooking, housework, and so forth. Nilsen was stricken by his roommate’s departure in May 1977, and the pressures of a solitary life gradually mounted to the detonation point.

Nilsen’s first victim, in December 1978, was an anonymous Irish youth whom he brought home and strangled with a necktie. Dennis later masturbated over the corpse, storing it beneath his floorboards until August 1979 when it was cremated on an outdoor bonfire. In November 1979, Nilsen tried to strangle Andrew Ho, a young Chinese man, but Ho escaped and summoned the police. Confronted with a former colleague, officers accepted Nilsen’s story of attempted Arnfinn Nesset (Author’s collection)

robbery by Ho and let the matter drop. A few days

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sor an unruly “Billy Sutherland type.” Number 11 was a tough-talking skinhead, notable for the tattoo of a dotted line around his neck, with the instructions “Cut Here.” Nilsen did, and the young man was incinerated on a bonfire during May of 1981.

In September of that year, Nilsen found epileptic Malcolm Barlow slumped against his garden wall and phoned for an ambulance. Barlow came back to see Nilsen the next day on his release from the hospital, and it proved a fatal mistake. A month later, when Nilsen found new lodgings, he cleaned house with one last bonfire, the blaze leaving police with no evidence of 12 murders spanning almost three years.

A month after settling in his new apartment, on November 25, 1981, Nilsen attempted to strangle Paul Nobbs with a necktie. Nobbs survived the attack, which took place as he slept, but he made no report to police. The next victim, John Howlett, fought bitterly for his life, forcing Nilsen to drown him in the bathtub when strangulation proved ineffective. Howlett's remains were hacked up in the tub, then boiled down in a kettle before they were flushed through the drains.

In May 1982, Nilsen tried to drown Carl Stottor in his bathtub, changing his mind in midstream, persuading Stottor the assault had been intended to "revive" him after he had nearly suffocated in his sleeping bag. Next day, while walking in the woods, Nilsen crept up behind Stottor and clubbed him to the ground, but again Stottor survived, shrugging off the attack and filing no complaint until after Nilsen was jailed for multiple murder.

Number 14 was alcoholic Graham Allen, killed and Dennis Nilsen (Author's collection)

dissected in Nilsen's flat; portions of his body were bagged and stored in the cupboard, while other parts were boiled and flushed down the toilet. A local later, on December 3, Nilsen strangled Canadian Ken-

"punk" named Stephen Sinclair was the last to die, neth Ockendon with an electric cord and dissected his murdered on February 1, 1983; portions of his body body, flushing parts down the toilet, while most of the were flushed down the toilet a week later.

butchered remains were stashed under his floor.

It was finally too much for the plumbing, and

In May 1980, Nilsen murdered 19-year-old Martyn Nilsen—like German JOACHIM KROLL before him—was Duffey, hiding his corpse with the fragmentary Ock-betrayed by his pipes. Tenants of Nilsen's apartment endon remains. That summer, 26-year-old Billy Suther-building summoned a plumber to clear the clogged land joined the growing crowd, followed shortly by a lines, and his discovery of human flesh brought police victim who may have been Mexican or Filipino. "I can't to the scene. In

custody, Nilsen freely confessed his remember the details," Nilsen said later. "It's academic.

crimes and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Asked I put him under the floorboards."

about the motive for his murders, he replied, "Well, Memories were vague about the next five victims, enjoying it is as good a reason as any."

their names unknown, identified only by some physical trait or quirk of behavior that stuck in Nilsen's mind. A young Irishman and a malnourished transient were **NORTHCOTT, Gordon Stewart**

brought home in swift succession, and both were stran-Canadian-born in 1908, Northcott would later claim gled to death in Nilsen's flat. Number eight was cut into that his father sodomized him at age 10, and his mother three pieces, his remains hidden beneath the floor for dressed him as a girl until he was 16. The old man fin-two days before they were burned in another garden ished his life in a lunatic asylum, and one of Northcott's bonfire. Number nine was a young Scot, and his succes-paternal uncles died in San Quentin Prison years later, **197**

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while serving a life term for murder. A homosexual parents, and the boy regaled authorities with tales of sadist in the mold of DEAN CORLL and JOHN GACY, by murder, pointing out newly excavated "grave sites" on age 21 Northcott was living on a poultry ranch near the ranch. Detectives dug up blood-soaked earth on Riverside, California, sharing quarters with his mother September 17 revealing human ankle bones and fingers.

and a 15-year-old nephew, Sanford Clark.

They also found a bloodstained ax and hatchet on the For years, Northcott mixed business with pleasure in premises, which Clark said had been used on human Riverside, abducting boys and hiding them out on his prey as well as chickens.

ranch, renting his victims to wealthy southern Califor-Northcott fled to Canada, but he was captured there nia pedophiles. When he tired of the boys, they were and extradited back to Riverside in October. His shot or brained with an ax, their flesh dissolved in mother claimed responsibility for slaying Walter quicklime, and their bones transported to the nearby Collins, but Clark fingered Gordon as the actual killer.

desert for disposal. Only one skeleton was ever found—

Convicted on three counts of murder, including the a headless teenage Mexican, discovered near La Puente Winslow brothers and the anonymous Mexican, North-during February 1928—but homicide detectives identi-cott was sentenced to hang. Spared by her age and gen-fied three other victims. Walter Collins disappeared der, his mother received a life prison sentence in the from home on March 10, 1928, and Northcott's

Collins case.

mother was convicted of his death, but evidence sug-Marking time at San Quentin, Northcott alternated gests that she was acting under orders from her psycho-between protestations of innocence and detailed confes-pathic son. Twelve-year-old Lewis Winslow and his sions to the murders of "eighteen or nineteen, maybe 10-year-old brother Nelson vanished from Pomona on twenty" victims. A pathological liar who cherished the May 16, 1928, and Northcott was later condemned for spotlight, he several times offered to point out remains their murders, despite the absence of bodies.

of more victims, always reneging at the last moment.

Gordon might have gone on raping and killing indef-

(Northcott also named several of his wealthy "cus-initely, but in the summer of 1928, he visited the district tomers" at the ranch, but their identities were never attorney's office, complaining about a neighbor's "pro-published and no charges were filed.) Warden Clinton fane and violent" behavior. The outbursts reportedly Duffy recalled his conversations with Northcott as "a upset his nephew, who was "training for the priest-lurid account of mass murder, sodomy, oral copulation hood" by tending chickens at age 15. Questioned by and torture so vivid it made my flesh creep."

sheriff's deputies, the neighbor recalled seeing North-Northcott mounted the gallows on October 2,

cott beat Clark on occasion, and he urged detectives to 1930, finally quailing in the face of death. Before the

"find out what goes on" at Gordon's ranch.

trap was sprung, he screamed, "A prayer! Please say a Immigration officials struck first, taking Clark into prayer for me!" His mother subsequently died in custody on a runaway complaint from his Canadian prison of natural causes.

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persimmon trees, Kiyoshi's mother replied, "You A German railroad worker and loyal Nazi Party mem-shouldn't have planted those trees there."

ber, Paul Ogorzov earned notoriety as the "S Bahn Despite the coddling at home, Okubo was teased Murderer" in World War II. Stalking female victims unmercifully at school over his "Western" appear-around Rummelsberg on the Berlin line, he was a sadist ance—the result of Russian blood in his mother's fam-who killed for sexual satisfaction, relishing the terror of ily. Resentful of the teasing and entirely undisciplined, his chosen prey. Between 1939 and 1941, he killed at Okubo was a problem student who received poor

least eight women, raping most of them before he beat grades and frequent warnings about his poor attitude.

them to death with a length of lead cable. Twenty-eight A sixth-grade evaluation notes that he "engages in years old when his trial opened on July 24, 1941, Ogor-unseemly acts toward his superiors" and "is showing zov received no sympathy from his fellow Nazis. Anx-signs of maturity too early for his age." The latter ious to put the scandal behind them and get on with the complaint was a reference to his treatment of female business of murdering Jews, party leaders rushed classmates, including the incessant muttering of through the proceedings in a single afternoon, sentenc-

"words that shouldn't be said" in the company of ing Ogorzov to death. He was shot by a firing squad on girls.

July 26.

In the summer of 1946, at age 11, Okubo was

caught attempting to molest a neighbor's four-year-old daughter. Those who knew his family were only half **OKUBO Kiyoshi**

joking when they began to describe Okubo as "little Twenty-two years after the execution of KODAIRA Kodaira" or the "son of Kodaira," comparing him to YOSHIO, Japanese police found themselves in pursuit of Tokyo's notorious rape-slayer. Nine years later, in July another serial lust killer. Less adept than Kodaira at 1955, he raped a 17-year-old high school student in covering his tracks, the new practitioner was active for Maebashi and was sentenced to 18 months in prison, barely two months, but within that time he accosted at but the jail time was promptly commuted to three least 127 women (some reports say 150 or more), raped years' probation. Arrested for a second rape five more than a dozen, and murdered eight. His

capture, months later, he found the judge less merciful and when it came, owed as much to personal negligence as wound up serving three years in Matsumoto Prison.

to great detective work.

Paroled at age 25, Okubo adopted the pseudonym of Born in January 1935, Okubo Kiyoshi was the third

"Watanabe Kyoshi," posing as a student while he and youngest son in a family of eight children, on preyed on college coeds. Married in May 1962, he whom both parents lavished affection, and he was vir-fathered two children before his next arrest for rape, in tually immune to discipline. On one occasion, when a February 1967. Convicted of attacking two young neighbor complained of Okubo knocking fruit from his women, he was sentenced to four and a half years in **199**

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prison, winning provisional release on March 2, 1971.

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Ten days later, he paid ¥210,000 for the cream-colored Mazda sedan that would ultimately lead to his arrest and conviction for multiple murders.

OLSON, Clifford Robert

Okubo's final rampage began on March 21, and

A native of Vancouver, British Columbia, born on New lasted 64 days. Police were hot on his trail the whole Year's Day, 1940, Olson spent most of his life in trouble time, furnished with descriptions of his Mazda and its with the police. Remembered as a bully in school, he license number by surviving victims, but Okubo still logged 94 arrests between 1957 and 1981, serving time managed to claim eight lives before he was captured. A on charges that ranged from fraud to armed robbery high school student, l7-year-old Tsuda Miyako, was the and sexual assault. In prison, Olson was known as a first to die, on March 31. Ten days later, Okubo killed homosexual rapist and sometime informer, once coach-Oikawa Mieko, a 17-year-old waitress. Ida Chieko, age ing fellow inmate Gary Marcoux into writing a detailed 19, was murdered on April 17, while another student, confession to the rape and mutilation-murder of a nine-17-year-old Kawabata Shigeko, died the following day.

year-old girl, then surfacing as a prosecution witness at Yet another 17-year-old student, Sato Akemi, met her the trial where the letters were used

to convict Mar-death at Okubo's hands on April 27. Kawabo Kazuyo, coux. Back on the street, Olson kept up his role as a an 18-year-old telephone operator, joined the list on police stool pigeon, moving in with the mother of his May 3. Six days later, Okubo raped and murdered 21-illegitimate son.

year-old Takemura Reiko. His last murder victim, 21-In November 1980, 12-year-old Christine Weller was year-old housemaid Takahashi Naoko, was slain the abducted from her home in the Vancouver suburb of next day, May 10.

Surrey, her mutilated body found in the woods south of Okubo displayed no particular ingenuity in dispos-town on Christmas Day. Colleen Daignault, age 13, ing of his victims: four were buried in a vacant lot adja-vanished from Surrey on April 16, and 16-year-old Darcent to an industrial park near Takasaki City, and the ren Johnsrud was abducted from a Vancouver shopping others were simply discarded at rural dump sites.

mall less than a week later and found dead on May 2, Repeated sightings of his Mazda in the Takasaki neigh-his skull shattered by heavy blows.

Olson finally got around to marrying his girlfriend borhood inevitably led to Okubo's arrest on the on May 15, 1981, and 16-year-old Sandra Wolfsteiner evening of May 14. A girl was with him in the car disappeared four days later, while hitchhiking through when he was cornered by police, Okubo handing her suburban Langley. On June 21, 13-year-old Ada Court some money and remarking that "You'd better take a was reported missing at Coquitlam when she failed to taxi home."

return home from a baby-sitting job. Judy Kozma, 14, Initially held on charges of abduction with intent to disappeared on July 9, her mutilated body recovered commit an immoral act, Okubo soon confessed his from Lake Weaver near Agassiz in the Frazer Valley on crimes and led police to the graves of several victims July 25.

they had not yet discovered. Tried on eight counts of By that time, Olson was already considered a sus-abduction, murder, and abandonment of corpses, pect in the various deaths and disappearances, his Okubo told the court, "I became the brute that I am name first mentioned at a law enforcement conference because of the police. During their investigation of the on July 15. Despite sporadic surveillance of their previous two cases in which I was involved, they treated man, police were unable to prevent him from claiming me very badly. Their punishment was dealt out in a way four

more victims in the last week of July. Fifteen-that completely destroyed my humanity. It made me year-old Raymond King disappeared from New West-rebel against authority.”

minster on July 23, his body recovered from the shore Asked for any final comments on his situation, of Lake Weaver two weeks later. On July 25, 18-year-Okubo went on to say, “If I could be reborn, I would old Sigrun Arnd was abducted and killed while

like to come back as a weed. I was told by a woman I thumbing rides near Vancouver, her remains finally once knew that no matter how much weeds are tread identified through dental charts. Terri Carson van-upon, they snap back. That’s the kind of existence I ished from the same Surrey housing complex where would like to have in the next life.”

Christine Weller had lived, her corpse joining the list Convicted and sentenced to death on February 22, of those recovered from Lake Weaver. On July 30, 17-1973, Okubo spent nearly three years at Tokyo’s year-old Louise Chartrand disappeared while hitch-Kosuge Detention Center, appealing his sentence. The hiking at Maple Ridge.

appeals were rejected, and he was finally hanged on Officers tailing Olson arrested him days later, after January 23, 1976, six days after his 41st birthday.

he picked up two female hitchhikers on Vancouver **200**

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Island. The girls were unharmed, but a search of his van

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turned up an address book belonging to Judy Kozma.

A native of Laski in the Zhitomirskaya Oblast district Formally charged with her murder six days later, Olson of the Ukraine, born in 1959, Anatoly Onoprienko was started dealing with the prosecution, striking a bargain placed in an orphanage at the age of one year, following that would pay his wife and child $10,000 per victim in his mother's death. An older brother was kept at home return for information on four known murders and with their father, and the fact of his abandonment directions to six missing corpses. Olson made good on apparently fueled a pathological hatred of families, his part of the controversial deal, and the money was erupting into a seven-year killing spree that would snuff paid on schedule over furious public protest. On Janu-out 52 lives.

ary 11, 1982, the self-described "Beast of British A forestry student and sometime mental patient, Columbia" pled guilty on 11 murder counts and was Onoprienko got off to a slow start as a serial killer, sentenced to 11 concurrent life terms.

claiming his first victim at age 30 in 1989. Eleven In custody, Olson continues to provoke controversy more would follow by 1995, but he had yet to hit his with media forays reminiscent of CHARLES MANSON in stride with a series of ultraviolent home invasions that the United States. In August 1997, in a bid for early would lead Ukrainian newspapers to dub him the Ter-parole, Olson claimed that he had earned $1.3 million minator. Prior to December 1995, his murders had in advances for three unpublished books and a collec-gone virtually unnoticed, except by overworked police tion of videotapes; the money, he said, would be placed detectives and surviving loved ones of the victims, but in a trust fund for the benefit of his victims' families, Onoprienko was preparing to change his MODUS

should he be released. (At the same time, Olson also OPERANDI, venting his rage at whole families instead claimed he was responsible for a total of 143 murders, spanning the United States and Canada, a claim unlikely to win favor with parole boards.) Crown Prosecutor Joe Bellows denounced Olson's statements as

"fantastic lies," predictably opposing the killer's bid for early release. On August 23, Olson addressed the jury that would rule on his petition for parole, asking them,

"Do I look like some kind of raving lunatic?" The gallery of spectators exploded with shouts in the affirmative, and jurors deliberated less than 15 minutes before rejecting Olson's parole bid.

Barred from another parole bid until 2006, Olson sought other means to keep his name before the public.

In 1999 he told Irish police that he had killed two women on a visit to their country in the 1980s, and that an unnamed personal friend was the still-at-large

"South Dublin Killer," blamed for five disappearances.

In a telephone interview with the *Irish Mirror,* Olson said, "All I am doing is trying to help authorities around the world to find the bodies of the dead men and women. I can find the bodies in Ireland without any problem. I know exactly where they are." Authorities passed on that offer, and likewise dismissed Olson's bid for a trip to Hawaii, where he allegedly claimed two victims during a 1980 vacation. In May 2003, Olson's ex-wife told reports that she had seen none of the infamous $100,000 payoff from 1982, which was eaten up instead by legal fees. The latest furor erupted in June 2004, when Olson and 12,500 other Canadian prisoners gained the right to vote in national elections. "It burns my ass," the father of one Olson victim said, "to know that he's going to cast a vote and cancel out my vote. It causes pain and suffering for all victims in Canada."

Anatoly Onoprienko, "The Terminator" (Author's collection) **201**

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of solitary targets. The massacres followed a pattern, the house. Before he left, the stalker vowed that his Onoprienko invading isolated houses in the predawn cousin's family would be "punished on Easter," a threat hours, herding family members together and blasting that was relayed to local authorities. On Easter Sunday, them with a 12-gauge shotgun before looting and April 16, police traced Onoprienko to a girlfriend's burning their homes. Frequently, police found family home where he was arrested following a brief scuffle. A photos scattered at the crime scenes, torn and tossed search of the premises revealed a tape deck stolen from about in the slayer's fury.

the Novosad family, a pistol taken from a murder scene The first wholesale slaughter occurred on December in Odessa, and a second firearm linked to several of the 12, 1995, in Gamarnya, Zhitomirskaya Oblast, where a family massacres.

forestry teacher named Zaichenko, his wife, and two In custody, Onoprienko demanded to speak with "a infant sons were killed in their home. Nine days later, general," and once the officer of proper rank arrived,

four members of the Kryuchkov family were killed at he swiftly confessed a total of 52 murders, thus tying Bratkovichi, their home set afire. A passerby named the official Russian record held by ANDREI CHIKATILO.

Malinsky was also shot dead on the street outside when The murders were compelled by “inner voices” ema-he glimpsed the fleeing gunman. On January 5, two nating “from above,” he claimed, though Anatoly businessmen named Odintsov and Dolinin were shot wasn’t sure if his orders came from God or aliens in while sitting in their stalled car outside Energodar, outer space. Either way, the killer said, he was imbued Zaporozhskaya Oblast, and before the night was out, with “strong hypnotic powers” and telepathic control two more victims were killed at nearby Vasilyevka-over animals. The best thing, Anatoly said, would be Dneiprorudny, including a pedestrian named Garmasha for scientists to study him as “a phenomenon of and a policeman named Pybalko. The following day, nature.”

three more men were shot and killed in a car parked on Onoprienko was convicted on all counts and sen-the Berdyansk-Dnieprovskaya highway.

tenced to death on April 1, 1999. There are still signifi-The Terminator returned to Bratkovichi on January cant gaps in the time line of his movements between 17, butchering five members of the Pilat family and 1989 and 1995, although it is confirmed that Anatoly torching their home. Two apparent witnesses to the was expelled from both Austria and Germany during crime were also shot dead as the killer escaped. In Fas-that period. Investigators are exploring possible links tova, Kievskaya Oblast, four more victims were blasted between their prisoner and other unsolved homicides in on January 30, including a 28-year-old nurse, her two the Ukraine and elsewhere. Onoprienko’s life was sons, and a male visitor. The Dubchak family was next, spared on March 22, 2000, when Ukrainian president annihilated at home in Olevsk, Zhitomirskaya Oblast, Leonid Kuchma signed a new law abolishing capital on February 19. (The father and son were shot in that punishment.

attack; the mother and daughter were beaten to death with a hammer.) Eight days later, in Malina, Lvivskaya Oblast, four members of the Bodnarchuk family were

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slain, the adults shot, their children hacked to death The latter 1970s were witness to a sudden rash of ran-with an ax; within an hour, a male

neighbor was also dom, homicidal violence in America, alerting criminolo-
shot and mutilated in his home. Back in the

gists to a disturbing increase in the incidence of serial Bratkovichi neighborhood on March 22, the Termina-murders. Some regions of the country—Texas, Florida, tor shot and burned to death four members of the New York—seemed bent on hogging headlines for their Novosad family.

local maniacs, but none could hold a candle to the Bratkovichi residents had seen enough. With the killing fields of southern California where the "Hillside largest manhunt in Ukrainian history already under Strangler," "Freeway Killer," "Sunset Slayer," "Skid way, they demanded and received "an extreme

Row Slasher," and a host of others plied their trade.

response." A National Guard unit, complete with rocket One such—the "Orange Coast Killer"—went his ghoul-launchers and armored vehicles, was sent to protect the ish counterparts one better, slipping out of newsprint village, while some 2,000 officers scoured the western into legend as the one who got away.

Ukraine in search of their nameless, faceless quarry.

In retrospect, detectives would agree the terror dated In the end, it was apparently a family quarrel that back to August 2, 1977, when Jane Bennington was brought the reign of terror to a close. Anatoly Ono-slain in Corona Del Mar. Attacked in her home, the 29-prienko was staying with a cousin's family when one of year-old was raped, then beaten to death with a blunt his hosts found weapons hidden in his room and a instrument. Her killer left no clues for the police, and in quarrel erupted, ending with Anatoly's ejection from the gap of 18 months before his next appearance, other **202**

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homicides took precedence, demanding the attention of home life marked by inconsistent discipline, alternately investigators.

harsh and lax. In adulthood, the organized killer often The killer returned with a vengeance on April Fools'

lives with a partner, frequently a legal spouse, and is Day, 1979, raping Kimberly Rawlines in her Costa sexually competent. Violence is precipitated by stress, Mesa home before beating her to death. On May 14, including marital discord or loss of employment, and is Savannah Anderson, age 22, was assaulted and blud-often fueled by alcohol. The

killer is mobile, maintain-geoned in Irvine. Ten days later, Kim Whitecotton, 20, ing one or more vehicles in good condition. His mood is survived an attack in her apartment in Santa Ana controlled on the hunt, and he normally follows the Heights, her graphic description of the incident spread-progress of police investigations in the media. If ing panic among her neighbors.

pressed, the organized killer may find a new job or leave Overnight, there was a run on guns and guard dogs town to avoid apprehension.

in the neighborhoods that seemed to mark the killer's Crime scene characteristics of the organized offender chosen hunting ground. Publicity alerted women to the typically betray a murder planned well in advance, danger of an unlocked door or window, while compos-reflecting the killer's overall control of his environment.

ite sketches of the suspect—featuring a dark mustache The victim is often a stranger (except in the case of sta-and pock-marked cheeks—told women who to look for.

tionary predators, killing in their homes or in the work-Still, it seemed the slayer was invisible to everyone place). The hunter normally prefers submissive victims, except his victims, free to come and go at will.

often employing restraints to foil resistance during sexual Jane Pettengill, age 24, was chosen on July 19, assault or torture. The killer comes prepared with any assaulted in her Costa Mesa home. She would survive, necessary tools or weapons and removes them from the unlike her Costa Mesa neighbor, 30-year-old Marolyn scene when he is done. He may personalize the victim Carleton, who was raped and bludgeoned on Septem- through controlled (even scripted) conversation, thus ber 14. The killer moved to Tustin on September 30, feeding the ritualistic fantasies that dominate his life.

administering a near-fatal beating to Diana Green. A When he is finished with his prey, the organized killer week later, he killed 24-year-old Debra Jean Kennedy in often transports the body to another location and hides it Tustin. On December 21, the slayer claimed his only with care, taking pains to leave no useful evidence teenage victim, battering Debra Lynn Senior in Costa behind. So skillful are some predators, indeed, from Lon-Mesa, afterward raping her corpse.

don's "JACK THE RIPPER" to the present day, that they are A special task force stalked the killer through a maze never caught at all. Those who

are captured by police of clues and useless “tips” from frightened members of more often come to grief through some careless mistake the public, all in vain. As summer faded into autumn, or dumb luck—a parking ticket foiled DAVID

slowly giving way to winter, it became apparent that BERKOWITZ—than through brilliant detective work.

their man was gone. This time, the disappearance was *See also* MODUS OPERANDI; MOTIVES; VICAP

no ruse, no holiday. The Orange Coast Killer, for whatever reason, had retired. As far as homicide detectives know, their man is still at large.

OWEN, Duane Eugene

A home-invading thief and rapist in Palm Beach County, Florida, born February 13, 1961, Duane Owen

“ORGANIZED” Killers

murdered two victims and attempted to kill two more In FBI parlance, for purposes of PROFILING, sexually between February and May of 1984. His first known motivated killers are divided into “organized,” “DISOR-crime occurred on February 9 when he looted a local GANIZED,” and “mixed” categories, based on personal home and tried his best to murder the female inhabi-characteristics and evidence found at crime scenes. In tant. Six weeks later, on March 24, he raped, robbed, theory, such determinations aid police in tracking their and murdered a Palm Beach County woman in her

quarry; in practice, however, there is no persuasive evi-home. Another burglary, on May 28, was accomplished dence of any recent profile leading to a murderer’s without violence, but Owen rebounded with his second arrest.

rape-murder the very next day.

As outlined by FBI “mindhunters,” a typical orga-Arrested in June, Owen escaped from the Palm

nized killer has good intelligence and is socially compe-Beach County jail on July 4 but was swiftly recaptured, tent, tending toward skilled occupations. A review of a new charge filed against him for the jailbreak. With the subject’s childhood, if and when he is arrested, nor-two counts of murder and sundry other felonies mally reveals a high birth-order status (the oldest or the charged against him, bond was denied and Owen sat in only

child), a father with stable employment, and a jail until his trial in early 1986. Convicted on two **203**

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counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted faced the judge on March 13, 1986. A second trial, in murder, three counts of armed burglary, two counts of July 1986, saw him convicted of escape and assault sexual battery with a deadly weapon, and one count of during a burglary (for the incident on May 24, 1984).

"regular" (i.e., unarmed) burglary, Owen received two On July 31, Owen was sentenced to another term of death sentences, six life terms, plus 15 years when he life imprisonment plus 15 years.

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gation of his case. Hungarian authorities had 60 missing-person cases on their books for the past decade, including many vanished women, and they wondered now if **PANDY, Andras**

some may have answered Rev. Pandy's personal ads.

A Hungarian clergyman, Andras Pandy fled his home-Arrested in Belgium on October 20, 1997, the 71-year-land and emigrated to Belgium in 1956 during Hun-old cleric was formally charged with killing two wives gary's abortive revolt against Russian control.

and four of his children. Pandy denied the charges, but Employed as a pastor and religious education teacher Agnes was talking again while searchers in Brussels for the United Protestant Church, he made frequent vis-descended on several homes once occupied by Pandy's its to Hungary over the years and met his second wife—

brood. By October 26, they had reported finding human after the first allegedly deserted him—through bones and ashes, blood-spattered walls, and "large pieces

"lonely-hearts" ads he placed in a Hungarian newspa-of unspecified flesh" retrieved from a freezer. Five days per. Sadly, his second marriage was no more lasting later, detectives identified three children who had posed than the first. By the time Pandy resigned from his as Pandy's offspring during visits to Hungary.

church duties in 1992, his second spouse and four of Hungarian authorities, meanwhile, were busy

Pandy's eight children were listed as missing.

searching the six interconnected basements of Pandy's None of those who "left" Pandy were ever seen

former home at Dunakeszi, north of Budapest. They again, although he claimed they were alive and well, liv-kept mum on their findings but suggested that an "old ing somewhere in Hungary. Daughter Agnes Pandy family tragedy" might be responsible for Pandy's killing notified Belgian police of the disappearances in 1992, spree. In fact, they suggested, the prisoner in Belgium adding accusations that she and several stepsisters had might not be Andras Pandy at all, but rather a sibling of been sexually abused by their father, but authorities the *real* Andras Pandy, whose death had been officially were slow to act. While police dragged their feet, Rev.

recorded in 1956.

Pandy was busy concocting a hoax, inducing three Police in Brussels weren't sure about that, but they unrelated children to join him on visits to kinfolk in tightened the case against their suspect—whoever he Hungary, then asking his relatives to furnish written was—when Agnes Pandy was arrested on November

statements that his children were alive. The young 21, 1997, charged with playing an active role in the stand-ins suspected nothing, trusting Pandy's explana-murders of the five missing Pandys. She confessed four tion that their actions constituted "a rehearsal for a days later, admitting that she and her father shot and/or part in a movie about Pandy's life."

sledgehammered to death her mother, two brothers, In fact, Pandy had protested too much, prompting stepmother, and stepsister. Some of the corpses were police in Belgium and Hungary to launch a joint investi-dissolved in acid, Agnes said; others were hacked to bits **205**

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and dumped with other meat, outside a Brussels slaugh-where he promised to kill the first man who "crossed"

terhouse. Police also linked Agnes to the 1993 disap-him. His victim, selected without apparent motive, was pearance of a 12-year-old girl whose mother was Robert Warnke, a civilian laundry foreman. Panzram romantically involved with Rev. Pandy.

crushed his skull on June 20, 1929, and was promptly The case took another bizarre turn on November 26, sentenced to hang.

when the Hungarian newspaper *Nepsava* reported that From death row, the killer wrote: “In my lifetime I Pandy had fostered an unknown number of Romanian have murdered 21 human beings, I have committed children—orphan refugees from the 1989 revolution thousands of burglaries, robberies, larcenies, arsons that toppled dictator Nicolae Ceaucescu—at his home and last but not least I have committed sodomy on in Brussels. The children were recruited by a charity more than 1,000 male human beings. For all these called YDNAP (*Pandy* spelled backwards), and *Nep-things I am not in the least bit sorry.” When opponents sava reported that “nobody knows what happened to of CAPITAL PUNISHMENT fought for his life, Panzram them or if they returned home” to Romania. There was responded with venomous letters. “I wish you all had more grim news on April 24, 1998, when Belgian police one neck,” he wrote, “and I had my hands on it.”*

announced that teeth belonging to eight different peo-Mounting the scaffold on September 5, 1930, he ple had been found in one of Pandy’s former homes.

seemed eager for death. “Hurry it up, you Hoosier bas-Forensic tests indicated that the teeth came from seven tard,” he snapped at the executioner. “I could hang a women between the ages of 35 and 55, plus one man dozen men while you’re fooling around.”

between 18 and 23, none of whom were related to Pandy. With 13 victims and counting, authorities refuse to speculate on the lethal pastor’s final body count.

PARAPHILIA and Serial Murder

More commonly known as perversion or fetishism, paraphilia (from the Greek para: “beyond,” “amiss”; ***PANZRAM, Carl***

and philia: “attachment to”) describes the misdirection A son of Prussian immigrants, born at Warren, Min-of sexual desire toward unusual or abnormal objects.

nesota, in 1891, Panzram logged his first arrest at age Serial killers frequently suffer from sexual dysfunction eight for drunk and disorderly conduct. Three years that precludes normal relationships. Some of the perti-later, a series of robberies landed him in reform school, nent paraphilias demonstrated in such cases include: and he set the place on fire at age 12,

causing an estimated $100,000 damage. Paroled to his mother's cus-Anthropophagy—sexual fixation on eating human tody in 1906, he ran away from home soon afterward.

flesh in an act of CANNIBALISM. When applied

Life on the road meant more conflict with the law, and specifically to corpses, often in advanced decom-Panzram spent time in various juvenile institutions. He position, the proper term is *necrophagia.* Canni-volunteered for the army while drunk but could not balism of young girls, as practiced by adapt to military discipline. Court-martialed for theft of is called *parthenophagy.*

government property in April 1907, he served 37

Bestiality (or *zoophilia*)—sexual activity with ani-months in Leavenworth before his release from

mals, as practiced in childhood by HENRY LUCAS

prison—and military service—in 1910. Upon discharge, and others. Torture and mutilation of animals, Panzram described himself as "the spirit of meanness seen as a childhood WARNING SIGN of future vio-personified."

lence, is termed *bestial sadism.*

Back in civilian life, Panzram launched a career of *Bondage*—the use of restraints in sexual activity may robbery and indiscriminate murder spanning two conti-be harmless between consenting adults with estab-nents. After one big score, he hired a yacht and lured lished limits; when employed by murderous indi-several sailors out with promises of liquor; once viduals such as Harvey Glatman in Los Angeles, it aboard, the men were drugged and raped, then mur-becomes a prelude to torture and death.

dered, their bodies dumped into the sea. In Portuguese *Coprophilia/coprolagnia*—arousal sparked by feces, West Africa, Panzram hired eight blacks to help him displayed in the writings of GERARD SCHAEFER,

hunt for crocodiles, then killed them, sodomized their describing defecation by his female victims at the corpses, and fed them to the hungry reptiles. Back in moment of death. When consumption of feces is

New York, he strangled a Kingston woman on June 16, involved, as with Albert Fish, the proper term is 1923, "for the fun it gave me."

coprophagia.

Five years later, on August 16, 1928, Panzram was *Gerontophilia*—sexual attraction to the elderly, seen arrested following a series of burglaries in Washington, in cases like that of ALBERT DESALVO, where a

D.C. Conviction earned him 20 years in Leavenworth, much younger killer preys on senior citizens for **206**

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sex (as opposed to robbery of victims who are sim-the Bahamas to testify in defense of another ex-cop held ply weaker and defenseless). Attraction to older for trial on drug-running charges.

men is termed *alphamegamia;* fixation on elderly Even then, the worst was yet to come. On May 7, women is called *graophilia* or *matronoloagnia.*

1986, Pardo and 25-year-old Roland Garcia were *Hematophilia/hematomania*—fixation on blood, arrested on murder charges, accused in the execution-commonly seen in cases of VAMPIRISM such as that style slayings of drug dealer Ramon Alvero Cruz and of JOHN HAIGH.

his girlfriend, Daisy Ricard, who were shot and killed *Mutilation*—often seen in sadistic or sexually motion April 23. Weeks later, on June 11, Metro Dade offi-vated crimes. *Colobosis* refers specifically to muti-cials announced that Pardo and Garcia were linked to a lation of the male genitalia, *mazoperosis* to the total of nine murders—victims including six men and female breasts, *perogynia* to mutilation of women three women—dating back to January 1986. Detective (primarily the genitals), and *necrosadism* to muti-Ted MacArthur told the press, “They were drug ripoffs, lation of corpses (sometimes performed days or and quantities of cocaine were taken from the scene.”

weeks after the murder as the killer revisits the The killing spree had ended with Ramon Alvero Cruz, crime scene).

alleged to be Pardo’s underworld employer since he was *Necrophilia*—sexual fixation with death and corpses.

fired by Sweetwater PD. As evidence against the killer When the obsession proceeds to intercourse, it is cop, prosecutors cited Pardo’s diary, which included properly termed *necrocoitus. Necrochlesis* refers written entries about the murders along with news clip-more specifically to sex with a female corpse.

pings and photographs of several bloody corpses. Nazi *Pedophilia*—the proclivity for sex with children, seen memorabilia recovered from Pardo’s

home, together in many serial child killers such as ARTHUR GOODE.

with the prisoner's own statements, revealed that he Fixation on young boys is also called *pederasty.*

was also an ardent admirer of Adolf Hitler, believing *Pyromania/pyrophilia*—sexual release obtained from that Jews and blacks were inferior species deserving of setting and/or watching fires, a condition found in extermination.

many cases of ARSON.

Legal maneuvers delayed Pardo's trial for two years, *Sadism*—arousal dependent on the suffering of oth-but prosecutor David Waksman stood by the state's ers, named in the FBI *Crime Classification Manual* original theory of an ex-cop gone bad, addicted to (1992) as one of the major motives for SEX CRIMES

cocaine and easy money, killing coke dealers to rip off and serial murder.

their stashes, eliminating any witnesses who crossed his *Voyeurism*—generally the passive act of watching path. Pardo denied it, painting himself as a one-man vig-others undress or have sex, typically accompanied ilante squad committed to eliminating "parasites" and by masturbation; spying sometimes turns deadly in

"leeches" from law-abiding society. His court-appointed the face of mounting frustration. Charles Floyd in lawyer, Ronald Guralnick, was committed to a different Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Rickey Brogsdale in Wash-tack, presenting an INSANITY DEFENSE. "The man is ington, D.C, present two examples of voyeurs

crazy," Guralnick told reporters. "All you have to do is whose activities escalated to murder of those they listen to him to know he's totally out of his mind."

secretly observed.

And, indeed, Pardo seemed intent on proving that point when he took the witness stand in his own defense on April 13, 1988. Testifying against Guralnick's advice, Manny didn't bother to deny the killings; **PARDO, Manuel, Jr.**

rather, he regretted that his final body count had been Manny Pardo was 21 years old when he joined the so low. "Instead of nine," he told the court, "I wish I Florida Highway Patrol in 1978, but his first stint in could have been up here for ninety-nine." Furthermore, law enforcement was short

lived. Accused of falsifying he declared, “I enjoyed what I was doing. I enjoyed more than 100 traffic warnings and correction notices, shooting them. They’re parasites and they’re leeches, he was allowed to resign a year after he joined the force and they have no right to be alive. Somebody had to kill in lieu of being fired. It seemed a small concession at the these people.” He shot his victims multiple times after time, but it was all he needed: two months later, Pardo death, Manny said, to further “punish” them for their was hired by the Sweetwater Police Department to crimes, and he had taken Polaroid snapshots of the patrol a Miami suburb. Still, his problems continued, corpses, afterward burning some in an alabaster ash- and in 1981, Pardo was one of four officers charged in tray. “I sent their souls to the eternal fires of damnation a series of brutality cases filed by the state attorney gen-of hell,” he testified, “for the misery they caused.”

eral’s office. Those charges were later dismissed, but Pardo staunchly denied the state’s claim that he, him-Pardo was fired on January 21, 1985, after he flew to self, was a mercenary drug dealer. The very idea was

“ludicrous” and “ridiculous,” he said. Prosecutor were automatically appealed to the Florida Supreme Waksman asked about the $50,000 Pardo had earned Court. There, on March 6, 1990, public defender from selling two kilos of stolen cocaine, the sum Calianne Lantz told the assembled justices that Pardo recorded in his diary, but Manny insisted that he had was insane when he committed his nine murders. Assis-kept only $2,000 for himself—the bare minimum

tant Attorney General Ralph Barreira disagreed, required to purchase guns and ammunition. After describing Manny as a brute who simply liked to kill.

Pardo remarked that bullets cost him ten cents each, The court agreed with Barreira, affirming Pardo’s con-Waksman asked him whether it had cost him only viction and the “special circumstances” which allowed $1.30 to kill two victims who were shot a total of 13

his execution under Florida state law. A year later, on times. Pardo grinned as he replied, “That’s a pretty May 13, 1991, the US Supreme Court effectively good investment, isn’t it?”

upheld that decision, denying Pardo’s plea for a writ of With Pardo’s sanity at issue, both sides called psychi-certiorari.

atrists to testify about his mental state. Syvil Marquit, Pardo, meanwhile, had managed to attract at least a appearing for the defense, reported that Pardo was handful of admirers while his case was winding through insane and had been at the time of the nine murders.

the courts. One such, a self-described friend of the con-Manny was competent for trial, Marquit said, and victed serial killer, voiced his support in a letter to the understood the physical consequence of his actions, *Orlando Sentinel Tribune*, published on April 22, 1990.

"but he doesn't know right from wrong." Court-

It read, in part:

appointed psychologist Leonard Haber, on the other hand, testified for the state that Pardo was "sane, but *Manny was never accused of corruption. He was let go* evil." Manny, for his part, agreed with the state, at least *for his overzealousness in pursuit of criminals—no mat-in regard to his sanity. As for psychologists, he told the ter who they knew or whose relatives they were. And court, "They're whores. Pay them enough money and lest anyone get the idea that he just cruised around gun-they'll say anything."*

ning people down, let me point out each of his victims Pardo's extreme racist views may have hurt him as was a thoroughly investigated, tried, convicted, and much as the physical evidence of his guilt when he executed (by him) drug dealer whom Pardo had failed appeared before a jury that included five blacks and to get off the streets via the normal criminal justice sys-two Jews. Metro Dade detectives listed the Nazi para-tem. Manny Pardo doesn't deserve condemnation, he phernalia found in his home and described the

deserves a commendation.

swastika tattoo worn by one of his dogs, a Doberman pinscher. Manny pitched in with testimony that Adolf In fact, as even cursory research would have shown, Hitler was a "great man" whose activities had inspired Manny had been fired in Sweetwater for "showing a Pardo to read more than 500 books on Nazism. The lack of good judgment and a habit of lying"—specifi-jury deliberated for six hours on April 15 before con-cally in defense of an accused drug dealer—but the victing Pardo of nine murders and nine other felony details hardly mattered. He was awaiting execution at counts, including robbery and use of a firearm in com-Starke, the state's maximum-security prison . . . but he mission of a crime.

was not entirely out of action yet.

Court reconvened five days later to consider Pardo's In March 1996 the Miami Herald revealed that sentence. Attorney Guralnick and Manny's parents Pardo, now christened the "Death Row Romeo," had pleaded for leniency, citing his deranged mental state, been placing personal ads in tabloid newspapers, while prosecutor Waksman argued the reverse. "He was attracting lonely female pen pals who had mailed him weird, weird, weird," Waksman said, "but he was not thousands of dollars in return for hollow promises of insane." Pardo, meanwhile, was determined to remain love. The Herald reported that Manny had once accu-the star performer in his own private drama. "I am a mulated some $3,530 in his prison canteen account, soldier," he told the court. "I accomplished my mission, most of it sent to him by women, but prison officials and I humbly ask you to give me the glory of ending my declared that he had broken no rules, "although he may life and not to send me to spend the rest of my life in have broken several hearts." The lure was an ad that state prison. I'm begging you to allow me to have a glo-painted Manny in a near-heroic light. It read: rious end." The jury complied, and Judge Phillip Knight accepted their recommendation, handing down one FLA. 116–156 CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE

death sentence for each of Pardo's nine murders, plus a INMATE. Ex-cop Vietnam vet. Took law into own term of 15 years in prison for the non-capital charges.

hands and ended up on Death Row. He needs letters His commitment to death notwithstanding, Pardo from sensitive-understanding female, for real-honest made no objection when his conviction and sentence relationship.

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PAULIN, Thierry, and MATHURIN, Jean-Thierry

One who responded was Barbara Ford, a 46-year-

the hypocrite you truly are. I'm not a very patient per-old cleaning woman from Findlay, Ohio. Three weeks son so I hope you respond to my request immediately.

after she answered Pardo's ad, Ford received a letter The choice is yours.

from Manny, along with several news clips describing his police career in a favorable light. The letter told her, Pardo replied on November 2, 1995, with all the

“I want one special lady in my life. I don’t play emo-arrogance of a condemned prisoner who knows he is; tional games cause I hate emotional games. I also hate effectively untouchable.

liars and users.” From the beginning, Pardo’s correspondence—always addressed to “the love of my

Barb,

life”—swiftly degenerated into a litany of complaints, I hope you are in good health. I am reading your letter invariably closing with mention of his need for “a few and am amazed you think your threats would affect me bucks a week to buy personal items like stamps, paper, at all! You and your troubled life will also be exposed.

shampoo, etc.” One note described a tearful prison visit In addition, my attorney will have a field day with you from his daughter, quoting her as saying, “Daddy, when and that will be your nightmare lawsuit for slander, etc.

I’m older and able to work, I will buy you a radio so You are a bitter and vindictive woman.

you can listen to music and I will send you money from my weekly check so you can buy coffee, shampoo and God bless,

your other needs.”

Manny

In the meantime, Barbara Ford was happy to take up the slack, sending Pardo $430 from her yearly income Ford took her case to Florida governor Lawton

of $7,500. Another “love of his life,” mailing cash at Chiles on November 18, asking, “What kind of people the same time, was 54-year-old Betty Ihem from Okla-are you in Florida? You have a guy on Death Row, and homa who began corresponding with Pardo 10 months he still hurts people.” Her reply came from Judy before he hooked Barbara Ford. By the time Ford Belcher at the Florida Department of Corrections on entered the picture, Pardo and Ihem were addressing November 29, advising Ford that no law forbade pris-each other as husband and wife, Betty collecting 275

oners from placing personal ads or soliciting gifts from letters from her incarcerated lover, sending him $1,200

gullible pen pals. “On the contrary,” Belcher wrote, over time from the salary she earned as a part-time Wal-

“Florida Statutes have ruled it illegal to deny inmates Mart employee.

that privilege because doing so would deny inmates The correspondence was finally too much for Pardo, access to the outside world. Many inmates, both male who tripped himself up with a clumsy mistake. On and female, have accumulated considerable amounts of October 12, 1995, Betty Ihem received a letter meant money this way. They are convicts and some are experts for Barbara Ford. It read:

at 'conning' honest people out of their hard earned dollars. Often, when we advise a person that an inmate is My Dearest Barb,

not being honest, the person will still choose to believe the inmate."

Hi. I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. You With that grudging seal of approval, Manny Pardo are all I want and need. I am not a dream and if my was free to pursue his career as a death-row swindler.

love interests you, well then it's yours.

Only the final, inevitable date with "Old Sparky" will I love you,

curtail his correspondence with gullible women, and no Manny

final execution date has been set at this writing. With others who have killed repeatedly across the Sunshine Predictably furious, Ihem sent the letter on to Ford, State, Pardo takes his ease with pen in hand and plays with her own explanatory note written on the back.

the waiting game.

Eight days later, Ford wrote to Pardo, addressing him as

"Thief of Hearts" and enclosing photocopies of the money orders she had previously sent him.

***PAULIN, Thierry, and MATHURIN, Jean-Thierry** Between October 1984 and November 1987, elderly You received the money under false pretenses [she Parisian women lived in terror of a savage killer whom wrote] which makes you a fake and not the "Man of they dubbed the "Monster of Montmartre," after the Honor" which you professed to be. Needless to say, you neighborhood that was his favored hunting ground.*

are a liar and a hypocrite—the very things you said you The first victim, 83-year-old Anna Barbier-Ponthus, was hated in people. If you choose not to return the money, found gagged, bound, and beaten to death in her apart- I will be your very worst nightmare and expose you for ment on October 5, 1984. Four days later, firefighters

PETIOT, Marcel

found 89-year-old Suzanne Foucault inside her burning MENT would spare both killers from the guillotine, but flat, bound hand and foot, with a

plastic bag pulled Paulin's days were already numbered. Diagnosed as suf-over her head. A third victim, 71-year-old lona fering from AIDS in 1985, he was still awaiting trial Seigaresco, was discovered on November 5, bound with when he fell into a coma on March 10, 1989, and died electric cord and beaten to death in her small apartment of AIDS-related complications on April 16.

on Boulevard de Clichy. If Parisian police had any doubts that a serial killer was at large in their city, those doubts were dispelled two days later with the discovery ***PETIOT, Marcel***

of two murdered women. Alice Benaim, age 84, and 80-A Frenchman born in 1897, Petiot first demonstrated year-old Marie Choy, next-door neighbors, were found criminal tendencies in public school by stealing from his slaughtered in their adjoining homes. (Choy had been classmates. He later moved on to looting mailboxes, bound with steel wire and forced to drink bleach before and during military service, in 1917, he stole drugs she was beaten to death.) On November 8, 75-year-old from an army dispensary for sale to street addicts. Dis-Maria Mico-Diaz was found in her flat, bound, gagged, charged with a pension and free treatment for psy-and nearly hacked in two with 60 stab wounds.

choneurosis, Petiot went on to obtain a medical degree, Detectives didn't know it yet, but their quarry could despite spending part of his student days in an asylum.

hardly have been more flamboyant. A black transvestite In 1928 he was elected mayor of Villanueve, while prac-drug addict who dyed his hair platinum blond, Thierry ticing medicine there, but his term was cut short by Paulin was a native of Martinique, born in 1963. A Petiot's conviction of theft in 1930. Whatever his sen-homosexual sadist, Paulin broke the usual mold of gay tence it did not hamper his continued criminal activity.

serial killers by preying on members of the opposite sex, That same year, one of Dr. Petiot's patients—a sometimes accompanied on his raids by male lover Madame Debauve—was robbed and murdered in her

Jean-Thierry Mathurin, a 19-year-old waiter from Mar-home. Gossip blamed the doctor, but his chief accuser—

tinique. Between them, they worked out a system of fol-another patient —was soon silenced by sudden death. A lowing old ladies home from the market, moving in to woman who accused Petiot of actively encouraging her pounce as the victim unlocked her front door. The vic-daughter's drug

addiction disappeared without a trace, tims ranged in age from 60 years to 95, and the brutal but things were getting hot in Villanueve, and the good violence they suffered told authorities the "Monster of doctor struck off in search of a friendlier climate.

Montmartre" had more on his mind than simple

In Paris, he was convicted of shoplifting but was dis-snatch-and-grab robbery.

charged on the condition that he seek psychiatric ther-Feeling the heat of public outrage, Parisian authori-apy. As World War II began, Petiot was convicted of ties swept the city for junkies and sexual deviates, drug trafficking and was alleged to be an addict himself, grilling all they could find in hopes of turning up a lead.

but the court released him after payment of a small fine.

Paulin and Mathurin fled to Toulouse, killing time in By early 1941, with Nazi occupation troops controlling gay bars and drug dens until they had a lovers' quarrel much of France, he had devised a get-rich scheme that and parted company. Back in Paris, Paulin beat up a mirrored elements of Adolf Hitler's "final solution to drug pusher who tried to swindle him, and the dealer the Jewish question."

surprised him by filing assault charges. Convicted at Petiot bought a house on rue Lesueur in Paris, contrial and sentenced to 16 months in jail, Paulin was tracting for special modifications that were completed paroled in 1987 and resumed his reign of terror as if the in September 1941. The revisions included raising gar-crime spree had never been interrupted. The violence den walls to block his neighbors' view and construction peaked in November, with three victims killed on the of a triangular, windowless death chamber inside the weekend of Paulin's 24th birthday, but the Monster's house. As the war dragged on, Petiot made a fortune by time was running out. One of his victims had survived posing as a member of the French resistance movement, and offered a description to police. The gendarmes had offering to help Jews and other fugitives flee the coun-no trouble locating a bleached-blond black man, arrest-try. Clients arrived at his house after dark, receiving an ing Paulin on December 1, but they were embarrassed injection to guard against "foreign disease," and Petiot to discover that his fingerprints—on file from previous then led them to the chamber, watching their death arrests—matched those found at several murder scenes.

throes through a hatch in one wall. Arrested by In custody, Paulin readily confessed to 21 murders, Gestapo agents in May 1943 on suspicion of aiding naming Mathurin as an accomplice in many cases.

escapees, Petiot was released seven months later when Jailed on nine counts of murder, Mathurin refused even the Nazis recognized a kindred spirit.

to speak Paulin's name, habitually referring to him as On March 11, 1944, neighbors on Rue Lesueur com-

"the other one." French abolition of CAPITAL PUNISH-plained of rancid smoke pouring from Petiot's house, ***210***

PISTORIUS, Dr. Micki

PISTORIUS, Dr. Micki: *Forensic profiler A native of South Africa, born in 1971, Micki Pistorius worked as a journalist for eight years while completing her doctorate in psychology at the University of Pretoria. Even then, she told the press in 1996, "In my wildest dreams I never saw myself in the police force, but my interest in Freudian psychology led me to see a*

connection between the theory and serial killers. One thing led to another, and here I am."

"Here," for Dr. Pistorius is an unintended place in the spotlight, hailed as the leading practitioner of forensic PROFILING outside the United States. In fact, after a series of headline-grabbing cases in her native land, she is regarded by some observers as the most successful profiler in history, eclipsing such American colleagues as ROBERT RESSLER and JOHN DOUGLAS.

Critics of profiling respond that while Pistorius has indeed described several fugitive serial killers with uncanny precision, profiling per se has yet to directly produce an arrest.

Dr. Pistorius received her first serial murder assignment within hours of joining the South African police, analyz-ing the brutal crimes of Cape Town's "Station Strangler,"

slayer of 22 boys between 1986 and 1994. That case was closed with the arrest and conviction of 28-year-old Norman Simons, an educated predator who spoke seven languages and claimed to be possessed by the spirit of his dead brother. (The claim did not protect him from a 25-year prison sentence.) Pistorius had been accurate in each Dr. Marcel Petiot at trial (Author's collection) particular of her profile on Simons—race, age, education, level of employment—but the arrest, as usual, came from another source: several acquaintances telephoned police and police found the chimney on fire and no one at to say that Simons resembled published suspect sketches home. Firemen broke in and found 27 corpses in the of the Station Strangler.

basement, most in various stages of dismemberment.

Still, it was considered a victory for South Africa's Held on suspicion of murder, Petiot was released after fledgling profiler, and there has been little rest for Pisto-telling police that the dead men were Nazis, executed rius in the years since 1994, with postapartheid South by the French resistance.

Africa overrun by a veritable plague of serial killers.

The doctor dropped out of sight in August 1944

Pistorius quickly found herself caught up in the midst of when Paris was liberated, but two months later he simultaneous manhunts for such prolific slayers as fired off a letter to the press, claiming the Gestapo had

"ABC Killer" MOSES SITHOLE (38 dead), "Phoenix tried to frame him for murder by dumping corpses at Strangler" Sipho Thwala (18 killed),

“Bootie Boer”

his home. The renewed investigation climaxed in Stewart Wilken (charged with 10 murders, including Petiot’s arrest on November 2, 1944, and while his rap that of his own daughter), “Cleveland Strangler” David sheet had mysteriously disappeared in Villanueve, Selepe (killed in police custody), and “Donnybrook authorities had ample evidence in hand. Formally Killer” CHRISTOPHER ZIKODE. Meanwhile, even more charged with 27 murders, Petiot admitted 63 killings random killers remain still at large: Johannesburg’s at his trial in March 1946, describing various homi-

“Nasrec Strangler” (15 dead and counting), the “Cape cides as the patriotic acts of a resistance fighter. The Town Ripper” (18 prostitutes butchered), the “Pine total may well have been higher, as one of Petiot’s Town River Strangler” in KwaZulu, Natal (profiled as a statements referred to 150 “liquidations,” and 86 dis-black rape-slayer preying on white women), and others.

sected bodies were pulled from the Seine between The incessant travel required by her job soon led Pis-1941 and 1943. Finally convicted on 26 counts, Petiot torius to divorce courts, and it has limited her prospects was guillotined on May 26, 1946.

for a social life. “If I do meet a boyfriend,” she has told

the press, “he is more than likely to be in the same work that could have passed for the bomber’s photograph, as I am.” That work in South Africa, as elsewhere, has even predicting—correctly—that the subject would be traditionally been a male preserve, but Pistorius reports wearing a double-breasted suit (with the jacket but-good progress with veteran detectives. “There was a lot toned!) at the time of his arrest. More to the point, an of skepticism when I first arrived,” she says, “but once I open letter from Dr. Brussel provoked bomber George proved I could do the work, I was quite quickly Metesky to a written response, which in turn led police accepted. Now, if anything, my male colleagues are very to his doorstep. No other profiler has yet rivaled Brus-protective of me.” Frequently compared to actress Jodie sel’s performance, and even where specific profiles are Foster in The Silence of the Lambs, Pistorius finds that proved accurate in the wake of an arrest, apprehension her civilian friends “tend to ask me about the details of itself is normally effected by routine police investiga-

[a] case. When I tell them, they are shocked but fasci-tion.

nated. People are generally interested in horror." At the Two cases often cited as profiling success stories same time, she says, "Some people imagine I must be clearly demonstrate the gap between publicity and real-butch to be in this line of work, but I can assure you I ity. In Sacramento, California, sheriff's officers and FBI am very feminine. I'm really just a normal girl at heart."

agents prepared a profile of an UNSUB blamed for six Pistorius has published two books on the problem of grisly murders during January 1978. At his arrest, serial murder in modern South Africa, entitled Catch defendant Richard Chase was found to match the pro-Me a Killer (2000) and Strangers on the Street (2002).

file in every respect; yet psychological analysis played no role whatsoever in his capture. Rather, Chase was spotted by a former high-school classmate wandering ***PROFILING of Unidentified Killers***

the streets in blood-soaked clothing and was turned in Psychological "profiling" of unknown subjects at to the police, who picked him up for questioning and large—UNSUBs, in law-enforcement parlance—is a rel-then discovered telling evidence inside his car. Six years atively new investigative tool, utilized for the first time later, Florida rape-slayer ROBERT LONG was the subject in the mid-1950s; it is also one of the most controver-of another FBI profile, which again proved remarkably sial to date. In FICTION AND FILM, profilers are often accurate once the suspect was in custody. Retired Gmen depicted as psychics, picking up on "flashes" from an hail their achievement as if they had caught Long them-unknown killer's mind with every visit to a crime scene, selves, but in fact the killer sealed his own fate by tracking down their man (or woman) as inexorably as if releasing his penultimate victim alive, whereupon she they could read the subject's name and address in a provided authorities with a description of Long and his crystal ball.

car.

Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the When profilers miss their target, meanwhile, the truth.

results are sometimes truly bizarre. In 1963, a panel of Profiling, at the bottom line, is nothing more or less psychiatrists—including the aforementioned Dr. Brus-than educated guesswork. At its best, the guesswork sel—was convened to stalk the "Boston Strangler" from may be

very educated, drawing on experience from afar. The experts concluded that Boston was plagued by dozens (or hundreds) of previous cases, often assisted two killers, one who claimed elderly victims, and by computer analysis, refining the portrait of an another—thought to be homosexual—who strangled UNSUB to the smallest detail. On the flip side, though, younger women. Beyond that divergence, many similarit may be worse than useless, leading homicide detec-ities were postulated, including a suggestion that both tives down a false trail while the object of their man-men were teachers, living alone and killing on their hunt watches from the sidelines and enjoys the show. In scheduled holidays from school. Both UNSUBs were most cases, the reality of profiling falls somewhere in diagnosed as sexually inhibited, the products of trau-between the two extremes: experts are able to prepare a matic childhoods featuring weak, distant fathers and fair likeness of their subject without providing the cruel, seductive mothers. In fact, confessed strangler essential details—name, address, and so forth—that ALBERT DESALVO was a construction worker, living with would lead to an arrest.

his wife and two children, insatiably heterosexual.

Ironically, the first application of psychological pro-Examination of his background showed a brutal, domi-filing in a modern criminal case is also the only case to neering father and a mother who was weak and ineffec-date where a profiler contributed directly to a subject's tual. He was in his thirties, as projected for the two arrest. In 1956, forensic psychiatrist James Brussel pre-nonexistent teachers, but there the resemblance ended.

pared an amazingly accurate profile of New York's An even more dramatic failure came in early 1975,

"Mad Bomber," deducing the subject's impotence from when another "expert panel" was assembled in Los the phallic shape of his pipe bombs, generating a sketch Angeles to sketch a profile of the "Skid Row Slasher."

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"PSICÓPATA, El"

On January 30, the L.A. media broadcast descriptions their respective nations. In the 1990s, Canadian crimi-of a "sexually impotent coward, venting his own feel-nologist Kim Rossmo created a software program for ings of worthlessness on hapless drifters and down-and-geographic profiling of killers at large, charting their outers." The slasher was described as a friendless loner, crimes (and hopefully uncovering their

lairs) via com-probably a homosexual and possibly deformed, "driven puter analysis of "spatial-temporal clusterings." The by a frenzy to commit these murders as a substitute for program serves not only to track transient slayers, but normal heterosexual relations." His violence was most also to uncover those whom Rossmo calls "stealth likely "spurred by an unresolved rage he feels toward predators"—the medical killers, "BLACK WIDOWS," and his father, who could have been a brutal alcoholic."

"BLUEBEARD KILLERS" whose crimes may be artfully dis-Sketches drawn to fit the profile showed a white male in guised as natural or accidental deaths. "The challenge,"

his late twenties or early thirties, six feet tall, 190

Rossmo says, "is to determine that something is hap-pounds, with shoulder-length stringy blond hair fram-pening, even when no crimes have been reported." Offi-ing an angular face. At his arrest, two days later, serial cial resistance to the newfangled software was shattered slayer VAUGHN GREENWOOD was revealed as a black in Canada by the case of Robert Pickton, accused (but man with no apparent deformities, whose murders untried at press time) in the disappearances of more smacked of ritual occultism, complete with blood-than 30 Vancouver prostitutes. Rossmo told reporters, drinking and salt sprinkled around the corpses.

"The data, if properly analyzed in that case, told us It is worth noting that even participating experts dis-something. . . . And if people had faith in the [profiling]

agree on the value of criminal profiles. Dr. Norman system, then it's like a fire alarm going off." In April Barr, one of the Skid Row Slasher panelists in Califor-2000, authorities began testing Rossmo's system in nia, belatedly admitted that "I don't think my state-Texas, where Houston investigator Cecil Wingo

ments would make any more sense than those of the claimed "there are right now about 3,500 unsolved average housewife." Across the continent, at Boston cases of serial killers."

University, psychologist Russell Boxley declares: "I think the people who do profiles are bastardizing their discipline with a lot of mumbo-jumbo, without really

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knowing what they're doing. You know, it's a mystical In 1997, Costa Rican authorities announced that some thing, and people are very

impressed. It's also a media 31 victims may have been murdered over the course of thing." Boxley concludes that forensic psychologists a decade by an elusive slayer aptly dubbed the Psy-tracking an UNSUB "can't do any better than a college chopath. Previous estimates had been more modest, student could with the same materials in front of him."

pegging the stalker's body count at 19 (including several FBI "mindhunters," meantime, stand by their record victims who have not been found), but frustrated man-and tactics, although some of their conclusions are hunters have added another dozen names to the list, all vague, at best. Following protracted interviews with young men and women who vanished without a trace convicted serial killers in the 1980s, members of the during 1996. Despite a recent plea for FBI assistance in Bureau's Behavioral Science Unit divided serial killers tracking the killer, police in this Central American into "ORGANIZED" and "DISORGANIZED" subgroups.

republic are no closer to their man today than when the

"Organized" killers are basically those who plan their string of grisly crimes began.

crimes well in advance and take pains to avoid capture El Psicópata does his hunting, for the most part, in a afterward, while "disorganized" slayers strike on a rural area lately dubbed the "Triangle of Death,"

whim, leaving crime scenes littered with clues. The cate-stretching from the southwestern quarter of Alajuela to gories are deliberately broad, and while the fictional Dr.

the eastern part of Cartago, a few miles east of the Hannibal Lecter was overly harsh in blaming the sys-nation's capital, at San José. Taking a cue from Italy's tem's conception on "a real bottom feeder," FBI spokes-

"MONSTER OF FLORENCE," the killer preys on young men have acknowledged its deficiency by creating an lovers, creeping up on couples as they have sex and intermediate "mixed" category to accommodate trou- shooting them to death with a large-caliber weapon, blesome cases.

afterward mutilating the female's breasts and genitals.

While retired FBI agents JOHN EDWARD DOUGLAS

Occasional diversions from the pattern involve young and ROBERT K. RESSLER are probably the best-known women murdered on their own, the crime scenes includ-profilers on Earth, other specialists also have trained ing evidence of postmortem sexual assault.

themselves to cope with the worldwide occurrence of Local authorities have drawn up several "profiles" of serial murder. Dr. MICKI PISTORIUS has established a rep-their unknown subject, all in vain. One theory blames utation in South Africa, while Britain's Ian Stephen and the murders on a deranged ex-soldier or policeman, Japan's Yuki Nishimura work against the rising tide in while another brands the killer as a child of wealthy ***213***

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stock—perhaps a politician's son or the offspring of a some investigators that El Psicópata follows and mighty landlord. Duration of the crime spree indicates a observes his chosen prey for several days before killing; killer in his thirties, possibly his forties, and police yet one fact shines above all others in the case: whoever believe he "could be" quite intelligent (presumably or whatever he turns out to be, at this writing, the Psy-because they haven't caught him yet). It is believed by chopath is still at large.

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QUICK, Thomas

two Norwegian girls. Further trials are unlikely, based Sweden's most prolific serial killer to date was a sadistic on Quick's prognosis of incurable mental illness, but necrophile who preferred children as victims, but that police are still pursuing allegations that he killed five did not stop him from killing adults—or wiping out other children in Finland, Norway, and Sweden

whole families—when the opportunity presented itself.

between 1980 and 1989.

Like GERARD SCHAEFER, Quick originally wanted to become a priest, but he drifted into random homicide instead, reportedly claiming his first victim at age 14.

QUINN, Jane

Arrested in 1996, he described a childhood fraught with Awakened by a gunshot in the predawn hours of

physical and sexual abuse, then confessed to 15 homi-November 2, 1911, John Miller scrambled out of bed cides, including six in Norway.

and rushed to the apartment of his landlord, whence Quick's confession solved the mystery of three Dutch the sound had emanated. On arrival at the scene he tourists, murdered while vacationing in northern Swe-found

John Quinn, the landlord, lying in his bed, blood den, and he was sentenced to life for those crimes. On streaming from a fatal bullet wound. According to the May 28, 1997, Quick was also convicted of killing an dead man's wife, a prowler was responsible, though Israeli tourist, one Yinon Levy, in 1988. Four months Miller saw no evidence of theft or any struggle. Jane later, following Quick's directions, police unearthed Quinn declined to testify at the resulting inquest, and a what "could be a human finger bone" from the cellar of Chicago coroner's jury deliberated for one hour on an abandoned farmhouse near Falun, but the victim November 10 before ordering her arrest on murder was not identified, and no further charges were filed. In charges.

November 1997, Norwegian detectives found human By that time, police had learned a thing or two about bone fragments in a gravel pit near Drammen, where the lethal Mrs. Quinn. They knew about her marriage nine-year-old Therese Johannessen vanished in July to Canadian John MacDonald in October 1883 and his 1988. Quick had confessed to her slaying and described subsequent death from "alcohol poisoning" on Septem-the child's wristwatch in meticulous detail. Conviction ber 28, 1901. A short month later, at Bass Lake, Michi-in that case, on June 2, 1998, brought Quick's official gan, the grieving widow had married Warren

tally to five victims.

Thorpe—and he had later been shot to death in circum-Investigation into Quick's crimes and confessions stances similar to those surrounding the Chicago case.

continues at this writing, while Quick remains confined Another death in bed, this time involving Jane's own at Säters Sjukhus, Sweden's maximum-security institu-mother, had occurred soon after in the house once occu-tion for the criminally insane. In October 1999, author-pied by Warren Thorpe.

ities charged Quick with the 1985 murder of victim Gry The evidence was overwhelming, and Jane Quinn

Storvik. May 2000 brought charges in the slaying of was speedily convicted at her trial on murder charges ***215***

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and sentenced to a term of life imprisonment. If nothing by reason of insanity. After three months of treatment, else, the verdict may have spared

some future victims staff psychiatrists at a state hospital ordered his release, from the clutches of a bona fide "BLACK WIDOW."

describing Quintiliano as "no longer a danger to himself or others."

Remarried by 1983, Quintiliano had no more luck ***QUINTILIANO, Matthew***

with his second fling at matrimony than he had the first A 14-year veteran of the Stratford, Connecticut, Police time around. Served with divorce papers on February Department, Matt Quintiliano snapped one afternoon 11 of that year, he murdered his wife the next day and in May 1975 and accosted his wife outside the Bridgewas arrested on February 16, faced with another count port hospital where she worked, shooting her eight of first-degree murder. Held in lieu of $750,000 bond, times with a pistol. Arrested for murder (and fired from he was indicted, convicted on the charge, and confined his law enforcement job), Quintiliano spent three years to prison when psychiatrists agreed, this time, that he in custody before a panel of judges found him innocent was sane.

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RAGHAV, Raman

Still spending money by the cartload, Gilles de Rais On August 13, 1969, officials in Bombay, India, turned to alchemy and black magic in hopes of produc-announced that 40-year-old Raman Raghav had been ing gold from base metals. An aide, Gilles de Sille, con-sentenced to hang following his conviction of multiple ducted "scientific" experiments on the problem without murders. According to sketchy news reports, the defen-success, and his master soon fell in with charlatans dant openly confessed to slaying 41 men, women, and promising lavish rewards for a modest investment. Kid-children, his victims selected at random and slaughtered napped children, once mere playthings in a game of life for the sheer pleasure of killing.

and death, now became sacrificial objects in the pursuit See also SHANKARIYA, KAMPATIMAR

of boundless wealth. By 1439, Gilles de Rais was in league with Francisco Prelati, a defrocked Italian priest who guided him through ghoulish rituals, employing ***RAIS, Gilles de***

children's blood in vain attempts to conjure gold from Born of French nobility in 1404, Gilles de Rais married a common iron and lead.

wealthy heiress at age 16, thus becoming the richest man A year later, Gilles ran afoul of the law on a trivial in France—some say in all of Europe. He was known as point when he sold his estate at Malemort to the trea-

"BLUEBEARD" for the glossy blue-black color of his surer of Brittany, Geoffroi le Ferron, in violation of the whiskers, and he moved among the highest circles in the royal injunction. More to the point, Gilles barred the land. As Marshal of France, he fought beside Joan of Arc new owner's brother—a priest, Jean le Ferron—from at Orléans, fielding a personal army of 200 knights the premises, beating and caging him when he

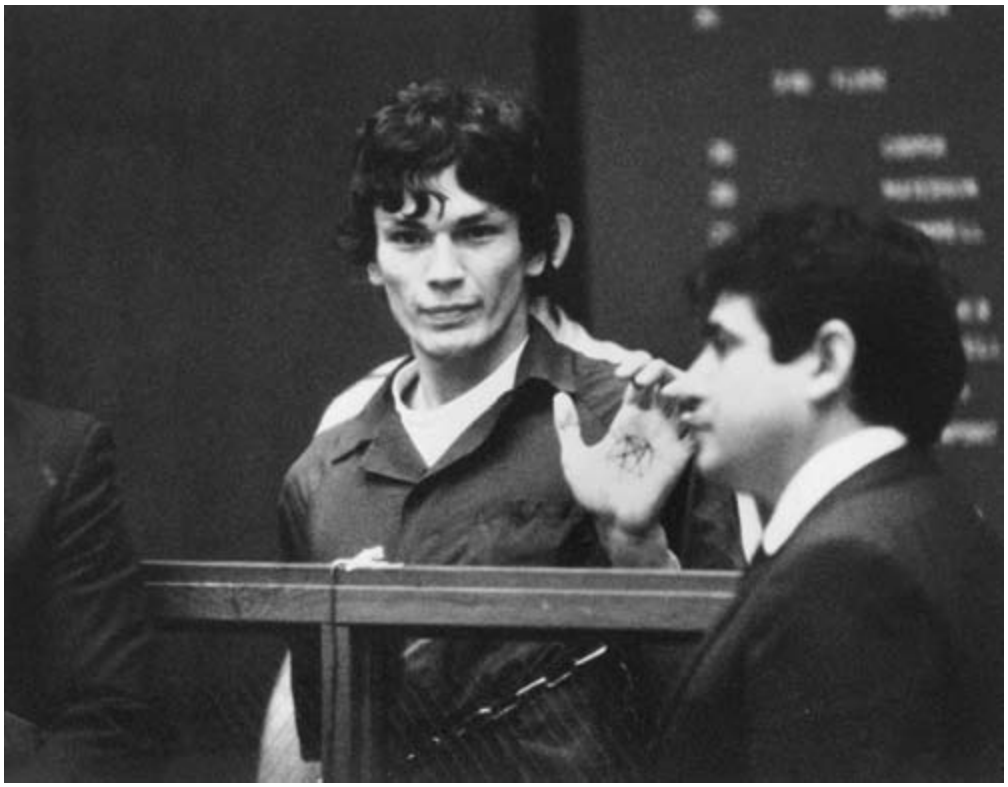
against the English invaders. Following the coronation of demanded admission. Assaulting a priest left Gilles Charles VII, at which he personally crowned the new open to trial by the Catholic Church, which also filed king, Gilles retired from public life, dividing his time charges of sorcery and sexual perversion with children.

among five lavish country estates at Machecoul, Male-Torture was applied to Gilles de Rais, his servants, and mort, La Suze, Champtoce, and Triffauges.

four alleged accomplices in October 1440, producing a In retirement, Gilles squandered his wealth in extrav-variety of confessions. Gilles himself confessed to agant style, selling off some of his land to cover numerous murders, begging forgiveness from the par-expenses before his heirs obtained a royal injunction ents of his victims. On October 26, Gilles and two of barring further sales. On the side, he indulged a passion his associates were strangled to death, the nobleman's for sadistic pedophilia, molesting and murdering peas-body partially burned.

ant children of both sexes to amuse himself. Gilles In retrospect, some historians regard the fate of admittedly patterned his life after that of the Roman Gilles de Rais as an ecclesiastical frame-up, noting that emperor Caligula, known for his debauchery and some of his lands were seized and sold by the church bloodlust in ancient times.

before his trial even began. Critics of this view point out



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that Gilles refused to confess under torture, pleading The action moved to Whittier on March 27, with 64-guilty on murder counts only when threatened with year-old Vincent Zazzara beaten to death in his home.

excommunication from the church. The conclusive evi-Zazzara's wife, 44-year-old Maxine, was fatally stabbed dence, however, lay with the dismembered remains of in the same attack, her eyes carved out and carried from some 50 children found in a tower at Machecoul, and the scene by her assailant. The Zazzaras had been dead similar finds were reported from another of the defen-two days before their bodies were discovered on March dant's estates. Published accounts of the case "credit"

29, and homicide detectives launched a futile search for Gilles de Rais with at least 200 murders, some reports clues.

quadrupling that figure, and he certainly qualifies as a On May 14, 65-year-old William Doi was shot in the major serial killer.

head by a man who invaded his home in Monterey Park. Dying, Doi staggered to the telephone and dialed an emergency number before he collapsed, thus saving ***RAMIREZ, Richard Leyva***

his wife from a lethal assault by the Stalker. Two weeks Los Angeles is the serial murder capital of the world. It later, on May 29, 84-year-old

Mabel Bell and her takes a special "twist" to capture headlines in a city invalid sister, 81-year-old Florence Lang, were savagely where, by autumn 1983, five random slayers were at beaten in their Monrovia home. The attacker paused to large and killing independently of one another. In the ink satanic pentagrams on Bell's body, drawing more on summer months of 1985, reporters found their twist the walls before he departed. Found by a gardener on and filled front pages with accounts of the sinister June 2, Lang survived her injuries, but Mabel Bell died

"Night Stalker," a sadistic home invader with a prefer-on July 15.

ence for unlocked windows and a taste for savage muti-In the meantime, the Night Stalker seemed intent on lation. As the story broke, the Stalker had three weeks running up his score. On June 27, 32-year-old Patty of freedom left, but he was bent on making every Higgins was killed in her home at Arcadia, her throat moment count, and he would claim a minimum of 16

slashed, and 77-year-old Mary Cannon was slain in lives before the bitter end.

identical style less than two miles away on July 2. Five Unrecognized, the terror had begun a full year earlier days later, 61-year-old Joyce Nelson was beaten to with the murder of a 79-year-old woman at her home in death at her home in Monterey Park. The killer struck suburban Glassell Park in June 1984. Police lifted fin-twice on July 20, first invading a Sun Valley home gerprints from a window screen at the site, but without where he killed 32-year-old Chainarong Khovanath, a suspect for comparison, the clue led them nowhere.

beat and raped the dead man's wife, and battered their By February 1985, police had two more murders on eight-year-old son before escaping with $30,000 worth their hands, but they were keeping details to them-of cash and jewelry. A short time later, 69-year-old Max selves. They saw no link, at first, with the abduction of Kneiding and his wife Lela, 66, were shot to death in a six-year-old Montebello girl, snatched from a bus stop their Glendale home.

near her school and carried away in a laundry bag, sexually abused before she was dropped off in Silver Lake on February 25. Two weeks later, on March 11, a nine-year-old girl was kidnapped from her bedroom in Monterey Park, raped by her abductor, and dumped in Elysian Park.

The Night Stalker reverted from child molestation to murder on March 17, shooting 34-year-old Dayle Okazaki to death in her Rosemead condominium and wounding roommate Maria Hernandez before he fled.

Hernandez provided police with their first description of a long-faced intruder, notable for his curly hair, bulging eyes, and wide-spaced, rotting teeth.

Another victim on March 17 was 30-year-old Tsa Lian Yu, ambushed near her home in Monterey Park, dragged from her car, and shot several times by the attacker. She died the following day, and her killer celebrated his new score by abducting an Eagle Rock girl from her home on the night of March 20, sexually abusing her before he let her go.

"Night Stalker" Richard Ramirez in court (Wide World API) ***218***

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Police were still maintaining silence on the subject of on 13 murder counts and 30 related felonies. Two their latest maniac at large, but they began to feel the weeks later, on October 4, the panel recommended exe-heat on August 6 after 38-year-old Christopher Peter-cution for Ramirez, and he was formally sentenced to son and his wife Virginia, age 27, were wounded by death on November 7, 1989. "You maggots make me gunshots in their Northridge home. Descriptions sick," he told the court. "You don't understand me. I matched the Stalker, and he struck again on August 8, am beyond good and evil. I will be avenged. Lucifer shooting 35-year-old Elyas Abowath dead in his Dia-dwells in us all." Outside the courtroom, he told mond Bar home and brutally beating the victim's wife.

reporters, "Big deal. Death always went with the terri-That night, authorities announced their manhunt for a tory. I'll see you at Disneyland."

killer linked to a half-dozen recent homicides, a toll that Subsequently shipped to San Francisco for trial in nearly tripled in the next three weeks with fresh assaults the Peter Pan slaying, Ramirez was besieged by female and a new evaluation of outstanding cases.

GROUPIES lining up to visit him in jail. The competiOn August 17, the Night Stalker deserted his normal tion for his time, including brawls among his young hunting ground, gunning down 66-year-old Peter Pan at admirers, so disrupted jailhouse routines that his home in San Francisco. Pan's wife was shot and Ramirez was moved to San Quentin in September

beaten, but she managed to survive her wounds, identi-1993, awaiting his trial on death row. Upon admis-fying suspect sketches of the homicidal

prowler.

sion to "Q," Ramirez was found to have a metal can-By August 22, police had credited the Night Stalker ister hidden in his rectum containing a key and a with a total of 14 murders in California. Three weeks needle and syringe. In June 1995, the San Francisco later, in Mission Viejo, he wounded 29-year-old Bill prosecution was postponed indefinitely, pending an Carns with a shot to the head, then raped Carns's appellate ruling on his prior conviction, expected fiancée before escaping in a stolen car. The vehicle was sometime in the future.

recovered on August 28, complete with a clear set of fingerprints belonging to Richard Ramirez, a 25-year-old drifter from Texas whose Los Angeles rap sheet ***RANES, Danny A. and Larry Lee***

included numerous arrests for traffic and drug viola-Homicidal siblings, cousins, even parent-child murder tions. Acquaintances described Ramirez as an ardent teams are found repeatedly in the annals of serial mur-Satanist and longtime drug abuser, obsessed with the der, but the Ranes brothers of Kalamazoo, Michigan, mock-satanic rock band AC/DC. According to reports, present an apparently unique case of serial-killing Ramirez had adopted one of the group's songs—"Night brothers who committed their crimes separately and Prowler"—as his personal anthem, playing it repeat-independently of one another, with no contact or con-edly, sometimes for hours on end.

sultation while the murders were in progress. One An all-points bulletin was issued for Ramirez on brother robbed and shot five men in 1964; the other August 30, his mug shots were broadcast on TV, and he raped and killed four women eight years later. Ulti-was captured by civilians in East Los Angeles the fol-mately, all they seemed to share in common was the lowing day, mobbed and beaten as he tried to steal a CHILDHOOD TRAUMA of abusive violence, fierce sibling car. Police arrived in time to save his life, and by Sep-rivalry (including separate marriages to the same tember 29, Ramirez was facing a total of 68 felony woman), and a taste for random murder.

charges, including 14 counts of murder and 22 counts Born a year apart on Kalamazoo's east side, Danny of sexual assault. One of the murder counts was and Larry Ranes were the second and third of four chil-dropped prior to trial, but eight new felonies—includ-dren, battered incessantly by an alcoholic father who ing two more rapes and one attempted murder—

were abandoned the family when they were 10 and nine added to the list in December 1985.

years old, respectively. Before he finally left, their father A sister of Ramirez told the press he wanted to plead never missed an opportunity to set the boys at odds guilty, a desire frustrated by his attorneys, but the sus- with one another. On one occasion, Larry recalls, "He pect made no public display of repentance. Sporting a took out a quarter and threw it in the middle of the pentagram on the palm of one hand, Ramirez waved to floor. He told us to fight, and whoever won got the photographers and shouted "Hail Satan!" during a pre-quarter. We literally tried to kill each other, you know, liminary court appearance. Back in jail, he told a fellow over this damn quarter. Naturally, Danny won, and I inmate, "I've killed twenty people, man. I love all that detested him for it, even more so because the old man blood."

grabs him and pulls him down next to him, gives him The Night Stalker's trial was another Los Angeles the quarter, and I'm standing there crying." Even with marathon. Jury selection began on July 22, 1988, but it their father gone, the battles continued. "I used to hit was September 20, 1989, before jurors convicted him

[Danny] with boards, throw knives at him, shoot him ***219***

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with bows and arrows, and shit like that," Larry said, the community stunned by her death. Fifteen weeks in a prison interview.

later, on July 4, two 19-year-olds from Chicago—Linda As they grew up, the brutal competition extended to Clark and Claudia Bidstrup— stopped for gas at the ser-girls. Both ultimately married the same woman, first vice station where 28-year-old Danny Ranes worked Danny, then Larry, catching her on the rebound after with Brent Koster, age 15. Ranes and Koster abducted she and Danny were divorced. It made no difference to the young women, drove them to a nearby lake in the younger Ranes that he was already in prison serving Danny's van, and raped them both repeatedly before life when they tied the knot. It was still a victory of they were strangled to death. The final victim, 18-year-sorts over the brother he had simultaneously loved and old Patricia Fearnow of Kalamazoo, was kidnapped by hated all his life. Danny, for his part, calls Larry "the Ranes and Koster on August 5, raped by both men, and only companion I had most of my life. He's the only suffocated with a plastic bag. A month later,

Brent true foe I've ever had in my life. He's the only competi-Koster broke down and confessed his role in the mur-tion I've ever had in my life."

ders, leading police to Fearnow's corpse and naming That twisted competition ultimately claimed at least Danny Ranes as his accomplice.

nine lives. Larry, the younger brother, was first to turn Arrested on Labor Day, Danny insisted he was inno-homicidal. Discharged from the army in the fall of 1963

cent of any wrongdoing. Two separate juries disagreed, after spending his last 90 days of military service in the convicting him of Patricia Howk's murder in March stockade, Larry drifted across country in April and May 1973 and of Patricia Fearnow's four months later. Sen-of 1964, thumbing rides, robbing at least five men, and tenced to life on each count, Ranes later pled no contest killing them with point-blank gunshots to the head.

in the Clark-Bidstrup slayings and received yet another Three of his victims were gas station attendants mur-life sentence. Brent Koster, for all of his assistance to the dered during holdups: Vernon LaBenne in Battle Creek, state, still drew a life prison term in the Fearnow case.

Michigan; Charlie Sizemore in Lexington, Kentucky; As if the saga of these twisted brothers was not and Charles Snider, in Elkhart, Indiana. The other two strange enough, Danny's ex-wife (divorced from him in were motorists who picked Ranes up while he was July 1970) went on to wed brother Larry in prison.

hitchhiking: an unnamed victim in Nevada whose Larry Ranes, meanwhile, had legally changed his name corpse was never found, and schoolteacher Gary Smock to "Monk Steppenwolf," claiming some unspecified of Plymouth, Michigan, who offered Ranes a lift on

"significance" in Herman Hesse's novel of the same Memorial Day. Larry was arrested at his girlfriend's title. In 1987, Michigan author Conrad Hilberry pre-house wearing Smock's shoes, and while he confessed to sented the brothers as "Ralph and Tommy Searl" in his five murders, he was only charged in the latter case. At book Luke Karamazov (Hilberry's pseudonym for trial, supporting an INSANITY DEFENSE, psychologists

"Monk Steppenwolf"), a case study which has

testified that Ranes's crimes were acts of symbolic prompted certain careless writers to recount the bloody revenge against his father (a gas station worker like saga of the "Searl" brothers, complete with false names three of Larry's victims), but a jury shrugged it off and for their victims.

sentenced him to life imprisonment.

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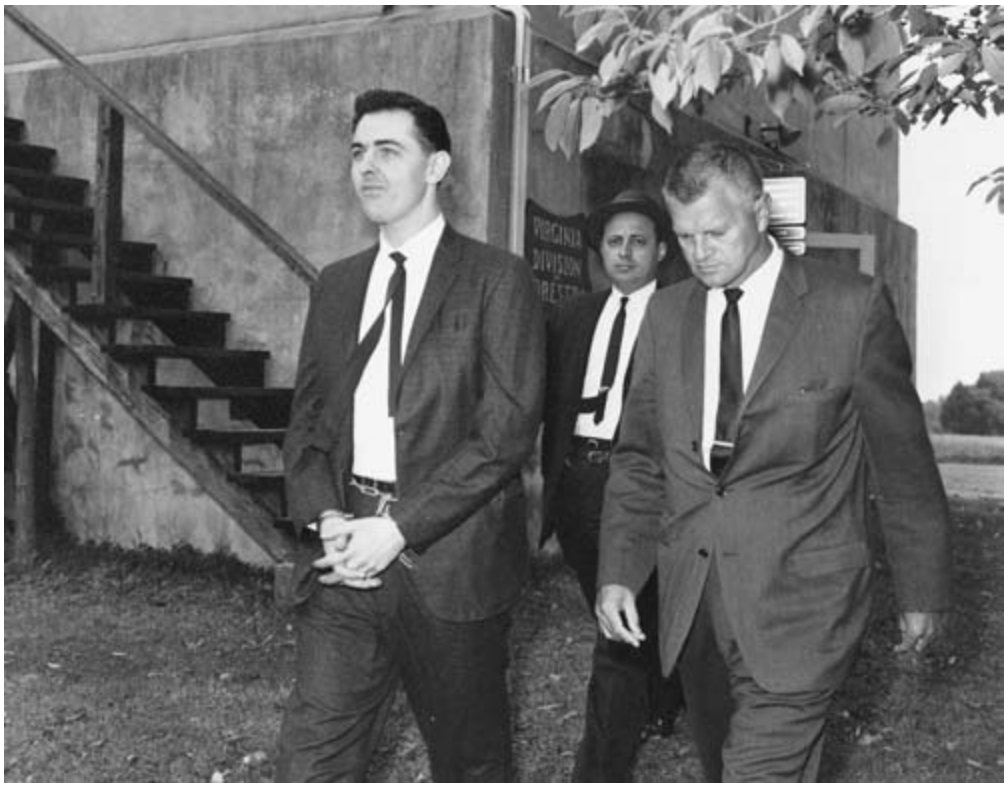
By that time, Danny Ranes had legal problems of his own, confined to state prison for assault and other charges. He was paroled on February 17, 1972—five ***REES, Melvin David***

days before his brother's retrial, ordered on appeal, was A Maryland native born in 1933, Rees attended the scheduled to begin in Kalamazoo. Legal maneuvers state university at age 20, dropping out before gradua-delayed those proceedings for nine months, and Larry tion to pursue a career in music. On March 12, 1955, pled guilty on November 2, receiving a new life sen-he was arrested on charges of assaulting a 36-year-old tence the following day. Meanwhile, Danny had stolen woman and dragging her into his car when she refused the local headlines with a series of brutal rape-slayings to enter voluntarily, but the case was dropped when his that marked him as the Ranes family's second serial victim refused to press charges. Melvin's friends ignored killer.

the incident, if they were even conscious of it, viewing Danny waylaid his first victim, 28-year-old Patricia Rees as mild-mannered and intelligent, a talented artist Howk, on March 18, as she left a local discount store who played the piano, guitar, clarinet, and saxophone with her 17-month-old son. He kidnapped her and with equal skill. He had a taste for modern jazz, and his drove her to the outskirts of town, where he raped and employment often took him on the road.

stabbed her to death. Her child was found that night, On June 26, 1957, Margaret Harold was parked

wandering Kalamazoo's south side and crying for his with her date, a young army sergeant, on a lonely mother; Howk's body was recovered the following day, lover's lane near Annapolis, Maryland, when a green ***220***



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thrown alive into the ditch and suffocated by her father's weight.

On March 21, hunters stumbled across a grave site in Maryland, not far from the spot where Margaret Harold had been murdered in 1957. The bodies of Mildred and Susan Jackson were unearthed by investigators, both bearing signs of sexual assault and savage beatings with a blunt instrument. A stocking was knotted around Mildred's neck, but she had not been strangled, police surmising that the tourniquet had been applied to coerce her participation in oral sex. A quarter mile away, manhunters found a rundown shack with

"fresh" tracks outside, a button from Mildred Jackson's dress lying on the floor.

The case was still unsolved in May when homicide detectives received an anonymous letter from Norfolk,

"Sex Beast" Melvin Rees is led to court in manacles. (Wide naming Melvin Rees as the killer. A background search World API)

revealed his link to the University of Maryland—and a former close relationship with Wanda Tipton—but solid evidence was scarce, and no one seemed to know Chrysler pulled up in front of their car. A tall, thin-the traveling musician's whereabouts. In early 1960, the faced man

approached, identified himself as the prop-anonymous informant came forward with a recent let-erty's caretaker, then produced a gun, and climbed into ter from Rees, describing his latest job at a music store the back seat. He demanded money from the couple, in West Memphis, Arkansas. FBI agents made the col-shooting Margaret in the head when she indignantly lar, and a search of Rees's home in Hyattsville turned up refused. Her date escaped on foot and called police, an instrument case with a pistol inside, plus various returning with an escort to discover that her body had notes describing assorted sadistic acts. One such was been raped in death.

clipped to a newspaper photo of Mildred Jackson. It Nearby, the search team found a building made of read, in part: "Caught on a lonely road . . . Drove to a cinder blocks with a broken basement window, and select area and killed husband and baby. Now the they crept inside. The inner walls were covered with a mother and daughter were all mine. . . ."

mix of pornographic photos and morgue shots of dead Maryland officers finally linked Rees to four other women; the only "normal" photo was a college yearsex slayings. Schoolgirls Mary Shomette, 16, and 14-book picture that depicted Wanda Tipton, a 1955 grad-year-old Ann Ryan had each been raped and killed in uate from the University of Maryland. Under

College Park near the University of Maryland; 18-year-questioning, she denied knowing anyone who fit the old Mary Fellers and 16-year-old Shelby Venable had killer's description.

been fished out of nearby rivers. Rees was not indicted On January 11, 1959, a family of four disappeared for their deaths, but prosecutors felt they had enough to while out for a drive near Apple Grove, Virginia. A rel-keep him off the streets. Convicted of Margaret ative found their abandoned car later that day, but no Harold's murder in Baltimore, Rees was sentenced to trace remained of Carroll Jackson, his wife Mildred, or life imprisonment, then handed over to Virginia author-their two daughters, five-year-old Susan and 18-month-ities for trial. Upon conviction of multiple murder there, old Janet. 'While police were beating the bushes in vain, he was condemned, but the sentence was commuted to a young couple reported that they had been forced off life imprisonment in 1972. Two decades later, still the road by an old blue Chevy that morning. The incarcerated, the "Sex Beast" died of natural causes.

strange driver had climbed out and approached their car, at which time they made good their escape.

Two months later, on March 4, Carroll Jackson's ***RENCZI, Vera***

body was discovered by two men whose car had bogged Born to affluent parents in Bucharest in the early 1900s, down in the mud near Fredericksburg, Virginia. Homi-Vera Renczi displayed a precocious interest in sex by age cide detectives found the victim's hands were bound 10 when her family moved to Berkerekul. At age 15 she with a necktie, a single bullet in his head. When they was found in the dormitory of a boy's school at mid- removed his body from the roadside ditch, another night, and Vera afterward eloped with several lovers, corpse was found beneath it. Janet Jackson had been coming home each time when she grew bored with their ***221***

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attentions. It was fine for Vera to desert a paramour, but For his second tour of duty, Ressler chose assignment none must ever try to turn the tables, as she had begun to the military police and wound up commanding a pla-to demonstrate a pathological possessiveness.

toon in Germany. Later, transferred stateside, he served Vera's first husband was a wealthy businessman, as commander of the Criminal Investigative Division many years her senior, and she bore him a son before he (CID) unit at Fort Sheridan near Chicago. Ressler was disappeared one day without a trace. Declaring that her still on active duty when he returned to Michigan State man had left without a word of explanation, Vera for his master's degree; aside from classwork, he was passed a year in mourning, finally reporting "news" of also assigned to infiltrate the campus chapter of Stu-her husband's recent death in a car crash.

dents for a Democratic Society and report on the She soon remarried to a younger man, but he was group's antiwar campaign. After Michigan State, he flagrantly unfaithful, vanishing a few months later on spent two more years as an army provost marshal, what Vera described as "a long journey." Another year including one year of duty in Thailand.

passed before she announced the receipt of a letter, Ressler's application to the FBI was accepted in penned by her spouse, declaring his intent of leaving her 1970. Four years later, he was tapped for duty as a forever.

counselor for police officers training at the FBI National Vera Renczi would not wed again, but she had many Academy in Quantico, Virginia. On the side, he became lovers—32 in all—as years went by. They never seemed acquainted with the founders of the FBI's Behavioral to stay around for long, and none were ever seen again Science Unit, learning as much as he could about abnor-once they "abandoned" Vera, but she always had an mal psychology and criminal behavior. Soon, he was explanation for her neighbors . . . and another lover part of the BSU team, lecturing to police around the waiting in the wings. Police became involved when country and abroad. Ressler was visiting the British Vera's latest was reported missing by the wife he left at police academy at Barnshill in 1974 when he claims home; a search of Renczi's basement turned up 35 zinc (incorrectly) to have coined the term SERIAL MURDER.

coffins with the bodies of her missing husbands, son, Ressler's primary field of expertise at the time was and lovers tucked away inside.

hostage negotiation, a subject he taught to various Detained on murder charges, Vera made a full con-state and local police agencies through mid-1978.

fession, stating that she killed her husbands and her More road trips were involved, and he decided to use lovers with arsenic when they began to stray, sometimes his spare time interviewing notorious murderers jailed arranging a romantic "last supper" to climax a tryst.

in the states he visited, hoping to obtain information Her son's demise had been a different story, brought that would help the BSU solve crimes and identify about by threats of blackmail when he stumbled on the unknown offenders. A California visit gave Ressler the basement crypt by accident. Some evenings, Vera liked chance to speak with EDMUND KEMPER, HERBERT

to sit among the coffins in an armchair and enjoy the MULLIN, JUAN CORONA, members of the MANSON

company of her adoring beaux. Convicted on the basis

"FAMILY," and other infamous slayers. A few months of her own confession, Vera drew a term of life impris-later, traveling with new BSU member JOHN DOUGLAS

onment and subsequently died in custody.

to West Virginia, Ressler interviewed Mansonites Lynette ("Squeaky") Fromme and Sandra Good, both serving time on federal charges.

RESSLER, Robert K.: *FBI profiler*

Thus far, Ressler's FBI superiors had been reluctant The son of a Chicago Tribune employee and born in to permit his prison interviews, but they had a change 1937, Robert Ressler discovered his budding fascina-of heart in 1979, inaugurating the Criminal Personality tion with serial murder at age nine when the local case Research Project. Ideally, it was hoped that understand-of WILLIAM HEIRENS received sensational newspaper ing killers and rapists in custody would promote accu-coverage. A self-described "average student" in high rate PROFILING of those still at large. By 1983, school, Ressler joined the army after graduation and interviews had been completed with 36 slayers, collec-was stationed on Okinawa. Discharged after two years tively responsible for 109 murders. The choice of sub-in uniform, he earned a degree in criminology and jects was skewed—all the subjects were male, all but police administration at Michigan State University, then three of them white—and those interviewed were not applied for a job with the Chicago Police Department.

all serial killers, but the list did include such notorious Rejected on grounds that recruits with "too much names as THEODORE BUNDY, DAVID BERKOWITZ, JOHN

schooling" were likely to "make trouble" in the graft-GACY, Richard Speck, JEROME BRUDOS, Charles Davis, ridden department, Ressler completed one semester of and Monte Rissell. Those interviews formed the hard graduate study before he returned to the army, this time core of an ever-expanding database, utilized today in as a lieutenant.

profiling unknown offenders through the FBI's VICAP.

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Retired from the FBI in 1990, Ressler has kept up a remains were found in November 1983 and May 1988, busy schedule of lectures and writing, police-training respectively. Linda Rule, age 16, disappeared on Sep-seminars, private consulting on criminal cases, and fre-tember 26, 1982; her remains were discovered on Janu-quent appearances on TV talk shows. While he did not, ary 31, 1983.

in fact, coin the term serial murder, he remains a leading FBI agent JOHN EDWARD DOUGLAS took a crack at

expert in the field today and has coauthored four books PROFILING the Green River Killer in September 1982, relevant to the subject. They

include: Sexual Homicide and while the broad strokes of his 12-page assessment (1988); the FBI Crime Classification Manual (1992); later proved correct—the killer was a white male from a Whoever Fights Monsters (1992); and I Have Lived in troubled home who sought dominance over women—

the Monster (1997).

the fine points flew wide of the mark. As finally revealed in 2001, the slayer was not an unemployed outdoorsman who smoked and drank heavily, yet somehow

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remained in top physical form. The actual killer held For nearly two decades, between January 1982 and one job for more than three decades, never smoked, November 2001, police in Washington pursued an elu-drank only the occasional "lite" beer, and made no sive predator who murdered girls and women along the effort to remain in shape. His sole "outdoor activity"

seedy Sea-Tac Strip, between Seattle and Tacoma.

was hunting women. The case nearly killed Douglas, its Detectives dubbed their quarry the "Green River stress producing a brain hemorrhage when he visited Killer," after his favorite dumping ground, and ulti-Seattle for a consultation on the crimes in December mately blamed him for the deaths or disappearances of 1983.

49 victims. Today, although a suspect has confessed and According to police, the six known dead had all been imprisoned in that case, disturbing mysteries been prostitutes, but the killer also showed a taste for remain.

runaways and hitchhikers. Denise Bush, age 22, van-Published reports identify the killer's first known vic-ished on October 8, 1982; her skull surfaced in Oregon tim as Leann Wilcox, a 16-year-old Tacoma resident on June 12, 1985, while the rest of her remains were found strangled in a field near Federal Way, eight miles not found until February 1990. Seventeen-year-old south of Seattle, on January 21, 1982. The absence of a Shawnda Summers disappeared one day after Bush, her pattern in that case prevented homicide detectives from remains identified by authorities in August 1983.

establishing connections to the string of later deaths, Shirley Sherrill dropped from sight in late October; the and nearly two years would elapse before Wilcox was 18-year-old's bones were found in June 1985. Rebecca

finally acknowledged as a "Green River" victim, in Marrero, a 20-year-old friend of Debra Estes, was last November 1983. Likewise, 36-year-old Amina Agisheff seen alive on December 2, 1982. Fifteen-year-old was simply a missing person when she vanished on July Colleen Brockman vanished on Christmas Eve 1982; 7, 1982. Her skeletal remains were not recovered and her bones were found in a ditch, 20 miles south of identified until April 1984.

Seattle, on May 26, 1984.

The first "official" victim, 16-year-old Wendy Alma Smith, age 19, picked up her last "trick" in Coffield, was reported missing from her foster home on Seattle on March 3, 1983; her skeletal remains were July 8, 1982, her body fished out of the Green River found with Terri Milligan's in April 1984. Seventeen-seven days later. Seventeen-year-old Gisele Lovvorn left year-old Delores Williams vanished on March 8 and home and vanished on July 17; she was found two was found dead on March 31, 1984. The killer's pace months later, on September 25. On August 12, 23-year-accelerated furiously during April, with 24-year-old old Deborah Bonner was dragged from the river, a half-Gail Matthews killed on April 10 (found September 18, mile upstream from where Coffield was found. On 1983), 19-year-old Andrea Childers on April 16 (found August 15 the Green River yielded three more victims: October 11, 1983), 17-year-old Sandra Gabbert and 31-year-old Marcia Chapman, 17-year-old Cynthia 16-year-old Kimi-Kai Pitsor on April 17 (found in 1984

Hinds, and 16-year-old Opal Mills, all reported missing and 1986, respectively), and 18-year-old Marie Malvar since August 1, 1982.

on April 30 (found September 29, 2003).

Police now realized they had a problem on their May 1983 was equally lethal. Carol Christensen, age hands, and it was growing by the day. Two 17-year-19, vanished on May 3 and was found five days later.

olds, Kase Lee and Terri Milligan, went missing in late Sixteen-year-old Joanne Hovland also disappeared on August 1982; Milligan's remains were identified on May 3, shortly after her release from a juvenile deten-April 1, 1984. Eighteen-year-old Mary Meehan joined tion facility in Everett; she remains missing today. Eigh-the missing list on September 15, 1982, followed by 15-teen-year-old Martina Authorlee disappeared on May year-old Debra Estes five days later. Their skeletal 22; her remains were found on November 14, 1984. On

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May 23, 18-year-old Cheryl Wims dropped from sight, October's victims included 25-year-old Mary Bellow found dead on March 22, 1984. Two victims, 19-year-

(killed October 11, found the next day), 16-year-old old Yvonne Antosh and 15-year-old Carrie Rois, disap-Pammy Avent (killed October 26, 1983, found August peared on May 31; their remains were found in

16, 2003), and 22-year-old Delise Plager (killed Octo-October 1983 and March 1985, respectively.

ber 30, 1983, found February 14, 1984). The slayer All the murders had a certain ritualistic quality. Like claimed 26-year-old Kimberly Nelson on November 1, THEODORE ROBERT BUNDY before him, the Green River 1983; her remains were found June 14, 1986. Lisa Killer preferred certain dump sites for multiple victims.

Yates, age 26, vanished on December 23 and was found At least eight such locations were used, the killer dead on March 13, 1984.

switching off despite police surveillance. Many victims A task force was organized to investigate the Green were covered with loose brush and branches, and sev-River murders in January 1984, but its formation failed eral were laid out beside fallen logs. Pathologists found to intimidate the killer. Relatives of Patricia Osborn, a small, pyramid-shaped stones inserted into the vaginas 19-year-old prostitute, reported her missing on January of several Green River victims; their significance is 24, and her name made the Green River victims' list on unknown to this day. At least one corpse was left by the February 11. Five days earlier, on February 6, 16-year-killer with a dead fish draped across one thigh.

old Mary West was abducted en route to a neighbor-Police had two near-misses with the killer in spring hood market; her skull was identified in September 1983. On April 8, prostitute Gail Matthews climbed 1985. Seventeen-year-old Cindy Smith became the last into a pickup truck on the Sea-Tac Strip, observed by official Green River victim on March 21, 1984; her her boyfriend as the vehicle pulled away. Her strangled remains were found on June 27, 1987.

body was found near Star Lake on September 18, 1983, Police reviewed their file on Gary Ridgway in spring but the boyfriend gave conflicting descriptions of the 1984. By then, they knew that he had been arrested in killer's vehicle and the search went nowhere. Mean-July 1980, on suspicion

of choking a hooker, but he while, on April 30, Marie Malvar worked the Strip near was released without charges. In May 1982 he was the spot where Matthews had vanished three weeks ear-jailed again, for soliciting sex from an undercover lier. Malvar's pimp, Robert Woods, watched her enter a policewoman. That charge was apparently dropped, dark-colored pickup and followed the truck for several but two years later, on May 7, 1984, Ridgway agreed to blocks before he lost it at a red light. Malvar never task force requests that he sit for a polygraph test in the returned from her "date," but Woods described the Green River case. The specific results of that session pickup to her family and José Malvar went searching were never released, but court documents state that for his daughter. Finding the truck Woods had

"Ridgway was considered to be cleared as a Green described, parked outside a house in Des Moines, River suspect." Later, he bragged about the ease with Washington, Malvar directed police to the scene. Detec-which he fooled police. "I just relaxed and took the tive Robert Fox questioned the tenant, Gary Ridgway, polygraph," he said. "I mean, I didn't practice or anyon May 4 and accepted his denials at face value.

thing. Just relaxed and answered the questions and The interrogation solved nothing. Constance Naon, whatever came out, came out." That test was subse-a 23-year-old prostitute, was reported missing on June quently ruled "invalid," but at the time it diverted offi-8, 1983; her bones were recovered in October. On June cial attention from Ridgway toward other suspects.

12, the killer plucked 27-year-old Kimberly Reames Six months later, in November 1984, police discov-from the Sea-Tac Strip. Her body was recovered the ered a survivor of the murder series. Rebecca Guay was next afternoon. Kelly Ware, age 22, disappeared on July 19 years old in November 1982, when she accepted $20

19; her remains were found on October 29. Another for a "car date" with the driver of a dark-colored 22-year-old, Tina Thompson, vanished on July 25 and pickup on Pacific Highway South. The "john" told was found dead on April 20, 1984. April Buttram, age Guay a sob story about his recent arrest in a prostitu-17, left home for the last time on August 4, 1983; her tion sting, then drove her deep into the woods and tried scattered remains were found in August and September to strangle her. She managed to escape, but waited two 2003.

years to report the incident. When shown a photo September 1983 was another busy month for the

lineup of six suspects, she immediately fingered Gary Green River Killer. He claimed 26-year-old Debbie Ridgway's mug shot. This time, when questioned by Abernathy on the September 5; her skeletal remains police, Ridgway admitted paying Guay for sex, further were recovered on March 31, 1984. Nineteen-year-olds granting that he choked her after she had bitten him.

Tracy Winston and Maureen Feeney were reported Detectives dropped the case.

missing on September 12 and 28, respectively; their Gary Ridgway was born in Salt Lake City in Febru-remains were found in March and May 1986.

ary 1949, an "average" child whose family moved to ***224***

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Washington in 1960. They settled in McMicken

When one struggling victim scratched him, Ridgway Heights, near Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

clipped her fingernails to remove forensic evidence, then Though courteous and friendly, Ridgway was a slow-doused the scratches on his arm with acid to obscure witted student, 20 years old when he graduated from them. He left gum and cigarettes beside some corpses, high school. By then, unknown to his parents or police, and once left an Afro hair-pick to incriminate the vic-Ridgway had already attempted his first murder. In tim's pimp. In once case, Ridgway planted leaflets from 1963 he stabbed a 6-year-old boy, lacerating his liver.

an airport motel near a victim's body, then dropped her When the child asked Ridgway, "Why did you kill me?"

driver's license at Sea-Tac Airport, creating false trails.

Ridgway paused, wiped the bloody knife on his victim's On occasions when he met a victim through her pimp, shirt, and replied, "I always wanted to know what it Ridgway phoned back after the murder to request felt like to kill somebody." Forty years later, the victim another date, thus feigning ignorance about the crime.

recalled Ridgway walking away, "kinda putting his In January 1984, Ridgway drove with his son to a subhead in the air, you know, and laughing real loud."

urb of Portland, Oregon, dumping the remains of Ridgway was not arrested for that crime, and it Denise Bush and Shirley Sherrill, then mailing a letter appeared to have no outward impact on his life. He filled with false leads to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

married a high school classmate in August 1970, but The ploy was successful, diverting task force detectives discovery of his bride's adultery led Ridgway to brand into Oregon for several months.

her a "whore," and the couple divorced in January In early 1986, FBI agents focused their manhunt on 1972. (Ironically, Ridgway himself was patronizing Bill McLean, a trapper from Riverton Heights, Wash-prostitutes at the same time.) Ridgway married his sec-ington. He fit the white-outdoorsman profile, though he ond wife in December 1973 and fathered a son who neither smoked nor drank, and did not frequent prosti-was born in September 1975. In the wake of that event, tutes. G-men arrested him on February 6, encouraged he reportedly became "fanatical" about religion, when he greeted them with a question: "What took you attending two different churches and leading his family so long?" Still, a search of his home revealed nothing, on door-to-door prayer walks. Sometimes his wife and McLean passed multiple polygraph tests, emerging found Ridgway sitting in front of the television, weep-from jail to sue King County and a local newspaper for ing with a Bible open on his lap. The couple separated slander. A month later, agents requested another poly-in 1980 and divorced a year later, filing mutual restrain-graph sitting from Gary Ridgway. He agreed on March ing orders, though Ridgway retained visitation rights 20, then changed his mind and refused on advice from a with his son.

lawyer. Discouraged, the FBI "inactivated" its file on Life was more stable for Ridgway on the work front, Ridgway.

where he served for 32 years in the Kenworth Truck The local task force took a different view, reopening Company's paint shop and won awards for perfect its investigation of Ridgway on August 19, 1986. Inter-attendance. In private, he was sexually insatiable, views with his ex-wives and girlfriends collected tales of demanding intercourse from girlfriends two or three violence, aberrant sex, and venereal disease, together times per night, while keeping up his trysts with hook-with Ridgway's fondness for pickup trucks and prosti-ers on the side. Some partners, including Ridgway's tutes. Police began to trail Ridgway, in hopes that he third wife, later recalled his tastes as kinky, involving might lead them to a body dump, but the

surveillance bondage, anal sex, and other "deviations" from the was haphazard. No officers were watching when he norm. On December 24, 1981, Ridgway told recent killed 19-year-old Patricia Barczak on October 17, girlfriend Sharon Hebert that he had met a woman on 1986. No detectives were present when he kidnapped the street and nearly killed her. He provided no details, and strangled 21-year-old Roberta Hayes in February and Hebert asked no questions, but she soon stopped 1987.

dating Ridgway.

Two months later, task force officers obtained a war-In July 1982, while riding with his seven-year-old rant to search Ridgway's body, home, vehicles, and his son, Ridgway picked up a woman on the Sea-Tac Strip locker at work. Detective Matthew Haney's affidavit and drove to a wooded area, where he parked. Leaving supporting the warrant declared: "It is highly probable his son behind, Ridgway went into the forest with his that Gary Leon Ridgway is the Green River killer."

victim. He returned alone, explaining to his son that the Technicians swabbed Ridgway's mouth for DNA sam-woman had decided to "walk home." With three Green ples, plucking hairs from his head, chest and groin, River victims slain that month, police remain uncertain while searchers confiscated various tools and articles of of the vanishing woman's identity.

clothing. A backhoe was summoned to excavate Ridg-In contrast to such outrageous risks, Ridgway also way's backyard, all in vain. Aside from a pamphlet on took pains to cover his tracks and confuse investigators.

marijuana, no evidence of any criminal activity was ***225***

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found. In 1988, while Ridgway wooed and wed his Police linked Ridgway to 100 different vehicles and third wife, a forensic laboratory in New York compared began the arduous task of locating each one for a new his DNA samples with rape-kit evidence collected from forensic search.

victims Chapman, Christensen, and Mills. The current Three more murder charges were filed against Ridg-technology failed, forcing a judgment that the victim way on March 27, 2003, for victims Bonner, Coffield, samples were too small for testing or comparison.

and Estes. On April 10, Ridgway abandoned his claims Task force investigators lost heart in the 1990s, con-of innocence and confessed responsibility for 25 of the vinced that their quarry had “retired” or moved on to Green River slayings, followed one day later by admis-some other hunting ground. Media reports quoted vari-sion of many more crimes. A bargain was struck with ous detectives as believing the Green River Killer was the state, and Ridgway led police to the remains of vic-responsible for unsolved prostitute murders in Califor-tims Avent, Buttram, and Malvar, found between nia and Missouri. Others thought their man was dead August 16 and September 29, 2003. On November 5, or locked up on some unrelated charge. Task force com-2003, after Ridgway pleaded guilty to 48 murders, mander Robert Evans even questioned whether one media reports spoke of 60 confessions and speculated man was responsible for all the listed murders. “It that the final tally “might be closer to 70.” In fact, could be two, maybe even three separate serial murder police told journalists, Ridgway had “killed so many cases,” Evans told reporters. In fact, the stalker was nei-women he had a hard time keeping them straight.”

ther absent nor inactive. He killed 31-year-old Marta Ridgway’s final statement to the court, before he van-Reeves in March 1990, her remains discovered six ished into prison, was brief and brought no solace to months later. Patricia Yellowrobe was murdered on survivors of the dead. He said:

August 4, 1998, her body found on August 6.

DNA technology caught up with Gary Ridgway in

September 2001, as new procedures allowed definitive testing of samples deemed too small in 1988. On September 4, the Washington State Patrol’s crime lab matched Ridgway’s DNA to semen found on victims Chapman, Christensen, Hinds, and Mills. King County Sheriff Dave Reichert created a new “evidence review team” on September 11, designed to operate “under the radar” while perfecting the case against Ridgway.

Two months later, on November 16, Ridgway was

arrested in SeaTac, on a charge of loitering for purposes of prostitution. Still Reichert bided his time, delaying Ridgway's arrest on murder charges until November 30, 2001.

Gary Ridgway was formally charged with four

counts of aggravated first-degree murder on December 5, 2001, but the case was far from closed. Sheriff Reichert told reporters that his office had reopened investigation of 80 cases involving women murdered or missing since 1984. The search also expanded into British Columbia, where 30-odd streetwalkers were reported missing from Vancouver and survivors

recalled seeing Ridgway in the neighborhood. (That phase of the investigation led nowhere near Ridgway; Canadian suspect Robert Pickton was later charged in the Vancouver slayings.) Evidence collected after Ridgway's arrest included bone fragments found in his home and paint flecks from several bodies, matched at long last to the Kenworth plant where Ridgway

worked. In March 2002, a friend of Ridgway's from the 1970s recalled the prisoner's remark that "prostitution is a terrible thing, and there ought to be a solution, Gary Ridgway is escorted by guards to his sentencing.

and that solution was to terminate the prostitutes."

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

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I'm sorry for killing all those young ladies. I have tried to The authorities in Utrecht were concerned about the remember as much as I could to help the detectives to strange "coincidence," but Rijke seemed to have no find and recover the ladies. I'm sorry for the scare I put motive for eliminating his fiancées. Flying in the face of into the communities. I want to thank the police, the grief, Sjef married only three weeks after Mientje's prosecuting attorneys, my lawyers and all others that had death. It was another star-crossed union, marred by the patience to work with me and to help me remember Rijke's pathological jealousy; he quarreled bitterly with all the tragic things that I did and to be able to talk about 18-year-old Maria, prompting her to leave him. Curi-them. I know the horrible things my acts were. I have ous detectives asked about her health, and they discov-tried for a long time to get these things out of my mind.

ered that Maria had been subject to repeated

I've tried for a long time to keep from killing any ladies.

stomachaches throughout her short-lived marriage; *I'm sorry I put my wife, my son, my brothers and my* change of domicile had cured the problem overnight.

family through this hell. I hope they can find a way to A short time later, Sjef acquired a live-in lover who, *forgive me. I'm very sorry for the ladies that were not* in turn, began to suffer stomach problems. These were *found. May they rest in peace. They need a better place* dutifully reported to her mother, who inquired about *than where I gave them. I'm sorry for killing these ladies.*

her diet. Sjef, the older woman learned, ate everything *They had their whole lives ahead of them. I'm sorry for* her daughter did, yet seemed to feel no ill effects. It was *causing so much pain to so many families.*

discovered that his latest paramour was fond of eating peanut butter as a snack between their normal meals, In addition to life imprisonment without parole, and samples from the jar were found to have a strange, Ridgway was slapped with a $480,000 fine, which the metallic taste. Delivered to a chemist for analysis, the state had no means to collect. On June 1, 2004, Judge peanut butter was found to be laced with rat poison.

Richard Jones compounded the absurdity by ordering Still lacking any motive, homicide investigators Ridgway to pay $74,459 in restitution to survivors of searched for other suspects, grilling Rijke's cleaning his victims (specific stipends ranged from $300 to lady. The investigation soon focused on Sjef, though, $6,500 per family). Like the state of Washington before after a local merchant recalled selling him several boxes them, mourners are unlikely to receive a penny of the of poison in recent months. Under close questioning, court-ordered amount.

Rijke broke down and confessed his crimes, describing Gary Ridgway's confession left a nagging mystery the sadistic pleasure he obtained from watching women behind in Seattle. He admitted slaying 42 of the "offi- suffer. It was never his intention to kill his fiancées, he cial" 49 Green River victims, plus six women not on the claimed; Sjef simply loved to see them squirm.

task force's list. None of the dead were personally Found legally sane by court psychiatrists, Rijke was known to their killer, and four remain unidentified tried for the murder of Willy Maas in January 1972.

today. “Green River” victims whose murders remain Upon conviction he was sentenced to a double term of officially unsolved at press time for this work include life imprisonment.

Amina Agisheff, Joanne Hovland, Kase Lee, Keli McGuiness, Patricia Osborn, Kimberly Reames, and Leann Wilcox.

ROBINSON, John Edward, Sr.: First “Internet serial killer”

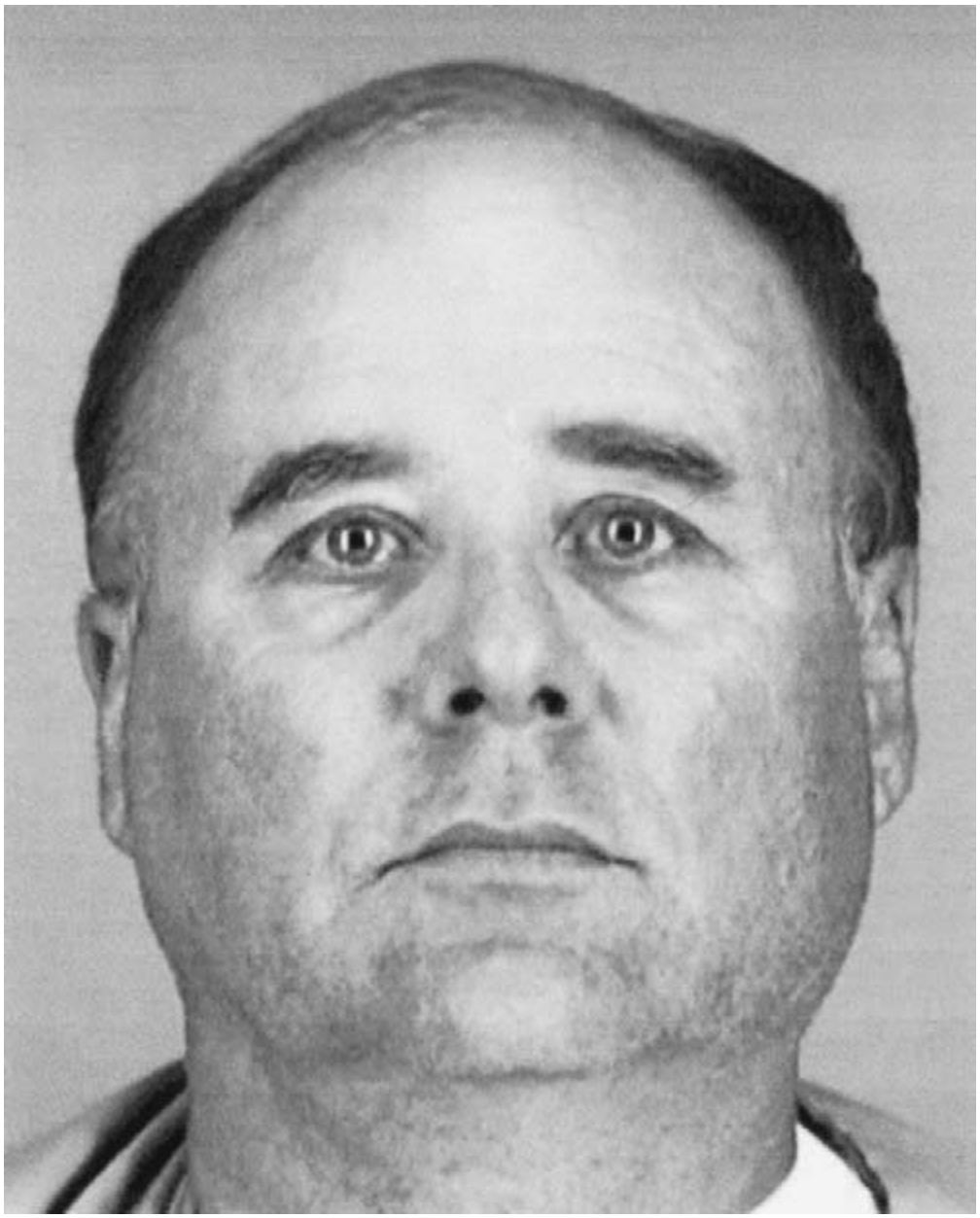
A native of Cicero, Illinois, born in 1943, John Robin-RIJKE, Sjef

son was well known in his community by age 13, an Sjef Rijke seemed to have no luck at all with women. In honor student at Quigley Preparatory Seminary and an January 1981, his 18-year-old fiancée, Willy Maas, Eagle Scout who led a troop of 120 other scouts in a experienced a week of racking stomach pains that cli-command performance for Queen Elizabeth II. By maxed in her death. The symptoms seemed to indicate 1961, he was enrolled at a local junior college, studying food poisoning, though friends and relatives could to become an X-ray technician. Three years later, he never be precise about the suspect dish. At Willy’s married Nancy Jo Lynch in Kansas City, Missouri.

funeral in Utrecht, Holland, Sjef was visibly distraught.

Robinson was on the path to a solid middle-class His period of mourning was abbreviated by engage-life, but he somehow went astray. In June 1967, while ment of a female friend of several years, young Mientje working as a lab technician for a Kansas City doctor, he Manders. Near the end of March, Sjef’s second fiancée embezzled $33,000 and was placed on three years’ pro-complained of nagging stomach pains that quickly bation. At his next job, as manager of a television rental proved debilitating. Rijke sat beside her bed and held company, Robinson stole merchandise and was fired, her hand, tears streaming down his face when Manders but his boss declined to prosecute. In 1969, he began died on April 2.

work as a systems analyst for Mobil Oil. On August 27,



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$2,500 and placed on three years' probation—another wrist-slap that taught him precisely nothing.

In 1977, with his wife and four children, Robinson moved to Johnson County, Kansas, and took a fling at hydroponic farming behind the corporate facade of Hydro-Gro, Inc. A community activist who tackled multiple projects, Robinson was voted local "Man of the Year" in 1977 for his work with the handicapped.

By 1980, Robinson had taken on a second job as personnel director for a local branch of Breeden Foods—

where he promptly embezzled $40,000, financing a love nest for kinky liaisons with female bondage enthusiasts.

Arrested in that case, he faced a seven-year prison term but spent only two months in jail, with five years' probation added to his tab.

Robinson's first known murder victim, 19-year-old Paula Godfrey, was employed by Robinson when she vanished in 1984. Police later received a letter, purport-edly signed by Godfrey, insisting that she was "O.K."

and that she did not wish to see her family. She remains among the missing to this day.

In December 1984, Robinson approached a Kansas City hospital and adoption agency, introducing himself as the spokesman for "Kansas City Outreach,"

allegedly a firm created to provide housing and job training for young unwed mothers. The hospital sent John E. Robinson (Corbis Sygma)

Robinson his first client, 19-year-old Linda Stasi, in January 1985. Stasi promptly vanished, leaving behind a typed letter explaining her urge to leave Missouri for 1970, exactly two weeks after his probation officer parts unknown. Robinson's childless brother and sister-wrote that Robinson was "responding extremely well in-law took custody of Stasi's newborn daughter, pay-to probation supervision," Robinson stole 6,200

ing Robinson $5,500 for a set of forged adoption postage stamps from the company. This time, he was papers.

fired and charged with theft.

Robinson's next brainstorm was the formation of a Moving on to Chicago in September 1970, Robinson sadomasochistic prostitution ring for fun and profit.

embezzled $5,500 from yet another employer. He was FBI agents learned of his venture and sent a female fired again, but the victim waived prosecution when decoy around for a job interview, but the initial conver- Robinson's father repaid the loss. Drifting back to sation proved so disturbing that G-men backed out, cit-Kansas City, Robinson was jailed for violating his pro-ing fear for their undercover agent's safety. Robinson's bation and his term of supervised release was extended first known S&M employee was 21-year-old Theresa another five years, until 1976. A probation report from Williams, for whom he rented an apartment and

April 1973 records his "good prognosis," unaware that arranged transportation on "dates." In May 1985, after Robinson had recently

swindled an elderly neighbor out less than a month on the job, Williams woke one morn-of $30,000. His probation officer was so impressed ing to find Robinson raging through her apartment with Robinson's improvement, in fact, that Robinson with a pistol, furious because she had invited a was discharged in 1974, two years ahead of schedule. It boyfriend to her flat. FBI agents relocated Williams, and was not the system's first mistake with Robinson, nor Robinson was charged with assault. His probation was would it be the last.

revoked for unauthorized firearms possession, but that A free man once more, Robinson promptly created decision was reversed on appeal, a higher court finding the Professional Service Association, ostensibly formed that the FBI had denied Robinson's constitutional right to provide financial counseling for Kansas City physi-to confront his accuser in court.

cians. More embezzlement followed, prompting a fed-The agents found some consolation in January 1986, eral grand jury to indict Robinson on four counts of when Kansas jurors convicted Robinson of another securities and mail fraud. In June 1976, he was fined investment scam. Sentenced as a habitual offender, **228**

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Robinson drew a prison term of six to 19 years, but victim. They arrested him on June 2, 2000, and appeals stalled his incarceration until May 1987. In the searched his Olathe home, seizing five computers and a meantime, 27-year-old Catherine Clampitt moved from host of other evidence, including a blank piece of sta-Texas to Kansas, drawn by Robinson's promise of "a tionery signed by Lisa Stasi 15 years earlier and her last great job, a lot of traveling and a new wardrobe." She motel receipt, dated January 10, 1985. Searchers visited was never seen again.

a storage facility rented by Robinson and found a cache In prison, Robinson quickly earned a reputation as a of S&M toys, along with various items related to Izabel model inmate, using his time to develop a computer Lewicka and Suzette Trouten: more blank stationery program that saved the Kansas penal system $100,000

with signatures affixed, a birth certificate and Social yearly on administrative tasks. The cooperative attitude Security card, Lewicka's slave contract, and sundry and a series of mild strokes earned Robinson the sym-photographs (including bondage shots).

pathy of prison psychologists. In November 1990 they On June 3, 2000, police searched Robinson's 16-acre described him as a "devoted family man" and a "nonvi-farm near La Cygne, Kansas, recovering two 55-gallon olent person [who] does not present a threat to society."

drums with women's corpses packed inside. The vic-Kansas paroled Robinson in January 1991, but he still tims, both beaten to death with a hammer, were identi-owed time in Missouri, where he remained incarcerated fied as Lewicka and Trouten. Two days later, another until spring 1993.

raiding party scoured a second storage facility rented by Kansas prison librarian Beverly Bonner admired Robinson, this one in Cass County, Missouri. They Robinson so much that she divorced her husband in found three more oil drums, sealed with duct tape and 1993 and moved to Kansas City as the "president" of planted on mounds of cat litter to mask death's sickly Hydro-Gro. She vanished in January 1994, after sending odor. Inside the drums lay Betty Bonner, Sheila Faith, her family a letter explaining that her new job required and Sheila's daughter Debbie. Like the rest, they had extensive travel. Six months later, after prolonged corre-been hammered lifeless and entombed.

spondence, Sheila Faith left Colorado to join Robin-Robinson was charged in Kansas with two counts of son—her "dream man"—in Kansas City. Faith brought capital murder (for victims Lewicka and Trouten), one along her teenage daughter Debbie, who was confined count of first-degree murder (for Lisa Stasi), and vari-to a wheelchair, and both soon disappeared.

ous lesser charges. On October 28, 2003, jurors con-By that time Robinson had discovered the Internet victed him on all counts. The panel recommended and begun trolling for fresh victims in cyberspace. One execution, but formal sentencing was deferred pending who survived told journalist David McClintock that she Robinson's appeal of the verdict. That appeal was lost $17,000 to Robinson on a fraudulent investment rejected on January 21, 2003, whereupon Judge John scheme, arranged through e-mail correspondence. She Anderson III sentenced Robinson to die by lethal injec-was lucky, compared to Izabel Lewicka, a Polish immi-tion for the Lewicka and Trouten murders, with a life grant and freshman at Indiana's Purdue University.

prison term for Stasi's slaying.

Lewicka met Robinson on-line in early 1997, and that Missouri authorities still awaited their turn with the June she left home to serve an “internship” with Robin-defendant journalists dubbed the “Slavemaster” and son in Kansas. Communication with her parents ceased America’s “first Internet serial killer.” On March 13, abruptly, and they went looking for Izabel in August 2003, Kansas authorities approved Robinson’s extradi- 1997, leaving Kansas empty-handed, without contact-tion to face trial for murdering Beverly Bonner, Sheila ing police. Unknown to Lewicka’s family, Robinson had Faith, and Debbie Faith. Cass County formerly indicted coerced her into signing a six-page “slave contract,”

Robinson on April 26, 2003, and while he initially convincing her the document was legal while he kept pleaded not guilty on all counts, a plea bargain changed her at an apartment in Olathe, Kansas. Lewicka sur-his mind six months later. On October 16, 2003, vived in Robinson’s clutches until August 1999, then Robinson pleaded guilty as charged and accepted a sen-dropped from sight. He told acquaintances that she had tence of life imprisonment. Waiver of Missouri’s death been deported for smoking marijuana.

penalty was contingent on Robinson’s guilty plea in two Robinson’s last known victim was 27-year-old

additional cases, the murders of Catherine Clampitt Suzette Trouten, a Detroit nurse to whom Robinson and Paula Godfrey.

offered a job in September 1999. The package was attractive: a $60,000 yearly salary, a company car, and wide-ranging travel. Trouten moved to Kansas City on **RODRIGUEZ VEGA, Jose Antonio**

February 13, 2000, and was last seen alive on March 1.

Spain’s most prolific serial killer of modern times, brick-Kansas authorities, meanwhile, had been building a layer Jose Rodriguez murdered at least 16 elderly case against Robinson for sexual assault on yet another women between 1986 and 1988 in and around the

northern coastal city of Santander. A paroled rapist, On January 5, 1982, 17-year-old Tammy Williams Rodriguez apparently suffered from impotence after disappeared in Brooklyn, while walking home from her leaving prison. In the new rash crimes, he typically boyfriend’s house in broad daylight. Ross was not sus-charmed his victims into hiring him for

some minor pected in the case, but he had reason to be fearful, all household repairs, then found himself “overcome with the same. In February, he found employment at an Ohio excitement” upon entering their homes. At that point, egg farm, living peacefully for nearly three months he swiftly strangled the women, removed their panties, before his next clash with the law.

and raped and molested them.

On April 2, Ross turned up at a rural home in Lick-Rodriguez was fastidious in cleaning up his crime ing County, Ohio, asking to borrow a flashlight. His car scenes—so cautious, in fact, that the first slayings were had broken down, he said, and when Ross came to not recognized as homicides until he confessed. Victims return the light, he also asked to use the telephone.

were normally tucked in their beds when he finished Inside the house, he tried to choke his benefactress—an amusing himself with their corpses, old age and tidy off-duty policewoman—but she fought him off and rooms encouraging authorities to write off any of the gave a clear description to authorities, resulting in his deaths as “natural.” At the same time, Rodriguez habit-swift arrest. Bailed out by his parents on May 11, Ross ually kept TROPHIES to commemorate his crimes, craft-was sent home to Connecticut for 16 days of psychi-ing an elaborate shrine for his mementos in the atric study.

one-room, burgundy-draped apartment he shared with On June 15, 1982, Debra Taylor was riding with her a female roommate. The full extent of his crime spree husband when they ran out of gas near Danielson, Con-was only realized after Spanish police broadcast a necticut. They split up to find a filling station and Debra videotape of Jose’s apartment, prompting telephone disappeared, her skeletal remains found by a jogger on calls from viewers who recognized possessions stolen October 30. In the meantime, Michael Ross pled guilty from their murdered relatives.

to assault charges in Ohio on August 4, paying a At his trial, in 1991, Rodriguez seemed to enjoy the $1,000 fine and serving four months in jail before his obvious grief of some observers, even relishing the threats release on December 22.

against his life. Upon conviction he was sentenced to 440

In May 1983, Ross was hired by a Connecticut

years in prison, but the sentence meant little, despite its insurance company, his application falsely denying any apparent severity. In fact, despite his sentence, Spanish criminal convictions, and his work record was satisfac-law decreed that Rodriguez would serve no more than 30

tory until a slump in early November. On November years in custody, and authorities scheduled his tentative 16, 19-year-old Robin Stravinsky was reported missing release for 2008. Before that happened, though, in Norwich, her body found by joggers a week later Rodriguez found himself in danger from fellow inmates, near a local hospital. Ross's employer was pleased to whose rough code of honor mandated summary punish-note an improvement in Michael's work through

ment for rapists. After suffering multiple assaults at one December and January, but by March 1984, the young prison, Rodriguez was transferred to the Topas jail, in man seemed to be entering another unexplained slump.

western Salamanca Province, on October 22, 2002. Two On April 22—Easter Sunday—14-year-old neighbors days later, a pair of inmates armed with makeshift knives Leslie Shelley and April Brunais disappeared from Gris-stabbed him to death in the prison exercise yard.

wold, Connecticut, en route to a friend's house. Two months later, on June 13, Wendy Baribeault vanished in Lisbon on a short walk to the neighborhood store. Her **ROSS, Michael B.**

body, raped and strangled, was found on June 15, and Born in Brooklyn, Connecticut, where his parents ran witnesses recalled seeing a blue subcompact car near the an egg farm, Ross concentrated on animal science in scene.

high school, moving on the Cornell University in 1977

Police began working their way through a computer and earning a bachelor's degree in 1981. After gradua-listing of 2,000 subcompact drivers, and they caught up tion, he worked briefly at an egg farm near Columbus, with Ross on June 28. He swiftly confessed to the Ohio, but Ross had trouble keeping his mind on the Baribeault murder, then directed authorities to a rural chickens. Bicycling through LaSalle City, Illinois, on dump site where the bodies of Leslie Shelley and April September 28, 1981, he kidnapped a 16-year-old girl Brunais were recovered. On June 30, officers followed and dragged her into the woods, gagging her with a Ross's directions to the shallow grave of Tammy handkerchief and belt before police arrived. Charged Williams, and by July 5, he had been charged with a

with unlawful restraint, Ross pled guilty the following total of six homicides. Guilty pleas in the murders of day and paid a $500 fine, drawing two years' probation Williams and Debra Taylor earned Ross a sentence of before he returned to Connecticut.

120 years imprisonment. Convicted of four more slay-230

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Michael Ross, in manacles, is led from a police truck. (Wide World API) ings on June 26, 1987, he was sentenced to death 10

year elapsed before that panel recommended execution days later.

on April 6, 2000. Judge Thomas Miano formally rein-In 1994, the state supreme court upheld Ross's mur-stated Ross's six death sentences on May 12, 2000.

der conviction but overturned his death sentence on Four months later, New York authorities sought to grounds that the trial judge wrongfully excluded por-extradite Ross for trial in the 1982 rape-slaying of tions of a psychiatric report that might have helped him Paula Perrara, a high school cheerleader from Wallkill.

escape the death penalty. A new penalty hearing was Legal maneuvers stalled the transfer until August 2001, ordered, but Ross promptly fired his

public defenders, and while Ross initially entered a not guilty plea in that collaborating with the prosecutor's office to expedite case, he changed his mind and admitted the slaying on his own death. In March 1998, Ross signed an agree-September 24, 2001. That confession earned Ross a ment with the prosecution acknowledging that his sentence of eight to 25 years in prison, effectively inval-crimes were cruel and heinous, asking the court to idated with his return to death row in Connecticut.

order his immediate execution. Startled by this turn of Reversing his 1998 decision in September 2003, Ross events in a state where no condemned inmate has been hired a new team of lawyers to appeal his death sen-executed since 1960, the court invalidated Ross's tence, thus ensuring further long-term delays in a state

"death pact" on April 2, declaring such a bargain which has executed no condemned inmate since 1960.

between prosecutors and defendant an illegal usurpa-By 2005, Ross became determined to die, despite his tion of judicial power. Jury selection for the new lawyers' appeal. On May 13, he got his wish, when he penalty hearing began on April 7, 1999, but another was executed by lethal injection.

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Schaefer claimed to have visited a psychiatrist in Gerard Schaefer was born in Wisconsin on March 26, 1966, seeking relief from his sexual deviance and homi-1946, the oldest of three children in a family he later cidal fantasies, but therapy didn't help. If his later state-described as "turbulent and conflictual." Years later, ments are credible, he kept on hearing voices "telling interviewed by court-appointed psychiatrists, he would him to kill." That same year, he toured the South with refer to himself as "an illegitimate child," the product Moral Rearmament, the cheery "Up With People" folks of a hasty shotgun wedding. He described his father as who sang that freedom isn't free. Schaefer thought a verbally abusive alcoholic, flagrantly adulterous and about the priesthood as a calling, but he was turned often absent from home on business trips or otherwise.

away from St. John's Seminary, where, he recalled, By 1960, Schaefer's family had settled in Fort Laud-

“they said I didn’t have enough faith.” The rejection erdale, Florida. He graduated high school there in angered Schaefer so much that he quit the Catholic 1964, and he was working on the first of several college Church.

degrees when his parents divorced three years later.

His next goal was a teaching job, through which he By that time, if we accept Schaefer’s statements to hoped to instill “American values” like “honesty, psychiatrists, he was well on the way to troubles of his purity, unselfishness and love,” but Schaefer was twice own. “From an early age,” Dr. R. C. Eaton recorded in dropped from student-teaching programs for “trying to 1973, “[Schaefer] has had numerous sexual hang-ups.”

impose his own moral and political values on his stu-Experiments with bondage and sadomasochism began dents.” The second time, supervisor Richard Goodhart around age 12. “I’d tie myself up to a tree,” he told Dr.

recalls, “I told him when he left that he’d better never Mordecai Haber, “and I’d get excited sexually and do let me hear of his trying to get a job with any authority something to hurt myself.” Around the same time he over other people, or I’d do anything I could to prevent began to “masturbate and fantasize about hurting other it.”

people, women in particular.” As if this weren’t enough, In 1968, Schaefer married Martha Fogg, but it didn’t Schaefer recalled, “I discovered women’s underwear—

work out. Martha filed for divorce in May 1970, claim-panties. Sometimes I wore them. I wanted to hurt ing “extreme cruelty.” Schaefer took a few weeks to myself.”

recuperate in Europe and North Africa that summer, The violent self-loathing went back to his earliest coming home with a new goal in life. If he couldn’t be a childhood games. In those games, he told Dr. Haber, “I priest or a teacher, he would be a policeman. He applied always got killed. I wanted to die. My father favored to several departments and was rejected by the Broward my sister, so I wanted to be a girl. I wanted to die. I was County sheriff’s office after failing a psychological test, such a disappointment to my family as a kid, to my but the small Wilton Manors Police Department hired father—he loved my sister. I couldn’t please my father, him anyway. In March 1972, Schaefer earned a com-so in playing games I wanted to be killed.”

mendation for his role in a drug bust; one month later, **232**

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on April 20, he was fired. Explanations vary: Chief erdale. Susan's parents said the girls were last seen at Bernard Scott later said that Schaefer didn't have "an her house, leaving with an older man named "Gerry ounce of common sense," while ex-FBI Agent ROBERT

Shepherd" on their way to "play guitar" at a nearby RESSLER reports that Schaefer was disciplined for run-beach. They never came back, but Lucille Place had ning female traffic violators through the department's noted Schaefer's license number, along with a descrip-computer, obtaining

personal information, and later tion of his blue-green Datsun. It was March 25, 1973, calling them for dates.

before sluggish investigators traced the plate number Whatever the cause of his firing, Schaefer needed a back to Schaefer, by which time he was already in jail job. Near the end of June, he signed on with the Martin for assaulting teenage girls.

County Sheriff's Department, pulling up stakes and Schaefer denied any contact with Place and Jessup, moving to Stuart, Florida. He had been on the job less but the case began unraveling on April 1, 1973, when than a month when he made a "dumb mistake" that skeletal remains were found on Hutchinson Island by would cost him his career and his freedom.

three men collecting aluminum cans. Four days later, On July 21, 1972, Schaefer picked up two hitchhik-the victims were identified from dental records. Susan ers, 17-year-old Pamela Wells and 18-year-old Nancy Place had been shot in the jaw, detectives remarking Trotter, on the highway near a local beach. He told that evidence from the crime scene indicated the two them (falsely) that hitchhiking was illegal in Martin girls were "tied to a tree and butchered." On April 7, County, then drove them back to a halfway house police searched the home of Schaefer's mother, where where they were staying. Schaefer offered to meet them Gerard had personal items stored in a spare bedroom.

next morning, off duty, and drive them to the beach Evidence recovered in the search included a stash of himself. The girls agreed, but instead of taking them to women's jewelry, 100-plus pages of writing and the beach on July 22, Schaefer drove them to swampy sketches depicting mutilation-murders of young Hutchinson Island off State Road A1A. There, he women, newspaper clippings about two women missing started making sexual remarks, then drew a gun and told the girls he planned to sell them as "white slaves"

to a foreign prostitution syndicate. Forcing them out of the car, he bound both girls and left them balanced on tree roots with nooses around their necks, at risk of hanging if they slipped and fell. Schaefer left them then, promising to return shortly, but the girls escaped in his absence and reached the highway, where they flagged down a passing police car. They had no problem identifying their assailant, since Schaefer had told them his name.

By that time, Schaefer had discovered their escape and telephoned Sheriff Richard Crowder. “I’ve done something foolish,” Schaefer told his boss. “You’re going to be mad at me.” He had “overdone” his job, Schaefer said, trying to “scare” the girls out of hitchhiking in the future for their own good. Fired on the spot, charged with false imprisonment and two counts of aggravated assault, Schaefer was released on $15,000

bond. At trial in November 1972, he pled guilty on one assault charge and the other counts were dropped.

Judge D. C. Smith called Schaefer a “thoughtless fool”

and sentenced him to a year in county jail to be followed by three years’ probation. The ex-deputy began serving his sentence on January 15, 1973.

The most shocking revelations were yet to come, however. Two other girls were missing from the neighborhood, and they would not be as lucky as Trotter and Wells. On September 27, 1972, while Schaefer was free on bond pending trial, 17-year-old Susan Place and 16-Gerard Schaefer, the “Butcher of Blind Creek,” poses for year-old Georgia Jessup had vanished from Fort Laud-his police I.D. photo. (Author’s collection)

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since 1969, and pieces of I.D. belonging to vanished continents. . . . One whore drowned in her own vomit hitchhikers Collette Goodenough and Barbara Wilcox, while watching me disembowel her girlfriend. I’m not both 19. The two girls had last been seen alive on Janu-sure that counts as a valid kill. Did the pregnant ones ary 8, a week before Schaefer was sent to jail in Martin count as two kills? It can get confusing.”

County, and while their skeletal remains were found in Years later, Schaefer’s letters came back to haunt him early 1977, no cause of death could be determined; thus when he was described in several true-crime books as a no charges were filed.

prolific serial killer. His response, a series of lawsuits As for the news clips, one referred to the February filed against various authors for libel, were uniformly 1969 disappearance of waitress Carmen Hallock, seem-dismissed by the courts. In one such case, Judge ingly abducted from her home. Items of her jewelry William Steckler officially branded Schaefer a serial were found in Schafer’s hoard, along with a gold-filled killer, finding him “undeniably linked” to numerous tooth identified by Hallock’s dentist, but once again no murders beyond the two for which he stood convicted.

charges were filed. The second missing woman, Leigh

“He boasts of the private and public associations he has Bonadies, had been a neighbor of Schaefer’s when she based on the reports that he is a serial killer of world-disappeared in September 1969. He had complained of class proportions,” Steckler wrote, “and it is only arro-her “taunting” him by undressing with her curtains gant perversity which propels him toward this and open, and a piece of her jewelry was found among his similarly meritless lawsuits in which he claims other-belongings, but no charges were filed when her skeletal wise.”

remains were finally recovered in 1978. More jewelry Schaefer’s luck ran out on December 3, 1995, when linked Schaefer to the disappearance of 14-year-old another inmate barged into his cell, slashed Schaefer’s Mary Briscolina, who vanished from Broward County throat, and stabbed him in both eyes. Prison officials with 13-year-old Elsie Farmer in October 1972. Their named the killer as inmate Vincent Rivera, serving life skeletons were found in early 1973, but once again no plus 20 years for two murders in Tampa, but no specific cause of death could be determined, and no charges motive has been offered. It appears that Schaefer’s repu-were filed.

tation as a “rat” and troublemaker in the joint caught The list of suspected victims would grow over time, up with him at last.

but Schaefer faced charges in only two murders. He was And with the threat of nuisance litigation buried, indicted on May 18, 1973, for the slayings of Jessup gun-shy law enforcement officers felt free to air their and Place. Held without bond pending trial, he was views on Schaefer. Bill Hagerty, an ex-FBI agent who convicted on two counts of first-degree murder in Octo-studied Schaefer for VICAP in the early 1980s, called ber 1973, drawing concurrent terms of life imprison-him “one of the sickest. If I had a list of the top five, ment. Numerous appeals, some 20 in all, were

which would include all of the serial killers I have inter-uniformly rejected by various state and federal courts.

viewed throughout the country, he would definitely be Schaefer was nearly forgotten by 1990, when former in the top five.” For Shirley Jessup, still mourning her high school girlfriend Sondra London published a col-daughter, Schaefer’s murder was simply a case of over-lection of his stories under the title *Killer Fiction.* More due justice. “I’d like to send a present to the guy who volumes followed, Schaefer insisting that his stories killed him,” she told reporters. “I’ve always believed he were art, police and

prosecutors describing them as was going to get his. I just wish it would have been thinly veiled descriptions of actual crimes. In private let-sooner than later."

ters to attorneys and acquaintances, Schaefer admitted as much, himself. Witness his reference to a story titled

"Murder Demons," in a letter dated April 9, 1991: **SELLS, Tommy Lynn**

"What crimes am I supposed to confess? Farmer?

Transient serial killer Tommy Sells was born in Oak-Briscolina? What do you think ["Murder Demons"] is?

land, California, on June 28, 1964. With his twin sister, You want confessions but don't recognize them when I he brought to five the number of children borne by his anoint you with them and we've just gotten started."

unmarried mother, variously known as Nina Sells or Other correspondence swiftly raised the body count.

Nina Lovins. Although he used the name Sells, Tommy

"As you know," he wrote on January 20, 1991, "I've grew up believing that his father was Joseph Lovins, a always harped on [District Attorney Robert] Stone's list gambler who sometimes shared his mother's bed. Nina of 34. In 1973 I sat down and drew up a list of my own.

moved her children to Missouri a year after the twins As I recall, my list was just over 80." The next day, were born. Six months later, both infants were stricken given more time to reflect, Schafer went on: "I'm not with spinal meningitis, which proved fatal for Tommy's claiming a huge number. . . . I would say it runs sister. Later, he would wear a tombstone with her name between 80 and 110. But over eight years and three tattooed on his left arm.

Life went from bad to worse for Tommy Sells after tember 1985 prompted authorities to revoke Sell's his brush with death. His mother left him in the care of parole, and he finished his sentence in full, released an aunt for two years before taking him home. Sells once again on May 16, 1986.

began drinking liquor at age seven, was molested by a Sells kept drifting, working odd jobs. In St. Louis, he neighbor at eight, and smoked

his first marijuana joint shot a stranger and left him for dead, claiming self- at age 10. Three years later, Sells climbed naked into his defense in the face of an unprovoked assault. Sells was grandmother's bed while she slept, and was banned jailed for theft in a suburb of St. Louis, but the charge from the house. A short time later, his mother and sib-was dismissed. At Aransas Pass, Texas, he spent two lings left town without notice, stranding him alone.

days in the hospital for a near-fatal heroin overdose.

Days later, Sells pistol-whipped his first female victim in The year 1986 took Sells to Fremont, California, where a fit of rage. By age 14, in 1978, he was on the road, liv-he is now suspected in the double murder of 20- year-ing the life of a permanent drifter.

old Jennifer Duey and 19-year-old Michelle Xavier. One By his own account, Sells committed his first murder victim was shot in the head and the other's throat was in Port Gibson, Mississippi, on July 5, 1979. He shot slashed. Susan Korcz vanished from Niagara, New 39-year-old John Cade Sr. with a .32-caliber pistol after York, on May 1, 1987, following a barroom spat with Cade surprised Sells in the act of burglarizing his home.

her boyfriend. Sells says he does not recall the crime per In 1980, he allegedly killed one man with an ice pick, se, but claims he woke from an alcoholic blackout on outside a Chinese restaurant in Los Angeles, then May 3, to find himself aboard a freight train near the moved north to Oakland and became embroiled in gang crime scene, wearing clothes stained with someone warfare. Sells stabbed another man "a bunch of times,"

else's blood. Korcz's skeletal remains were found in a while suffering a stab wound that barely missed his shallow grave at Lockport, New York, on September 5, spine.

1995.

May 1981 found Sells reunited with his family in Lit-October 1987 found Sells in Winnemucca, Nevada, tle Rock, Arkansas, but Nina threw him out after he working for a roofing company. He bounced a worth- stripped and tried to join her in the shower. Sells less check on October 15, then compounded the prob-checked into a mental health clinic at Jonesboro, telling lem two weeks later by stealing his boss's pistol, cash, staff psychologists, "I don't know who I am. I don't and credit card. Sells used the card to rent a motel understand anything anymore." They had no help to

room, which he shared with new acquaintance Stefanie offer, so he turned back to the bottle, logging his first Stroh, a 20-year-old college student hitchhiking across arrest for public drunkenness at Little Rock in March the United States after 10 months in Europe. Sells later 1982. Sells later confessed two Arkansas murders dur-confessed to feeding Stroh a dose of LSD and strangling ing the same period, but only one—the shooting of Hal her, then weighting her feet with a tub of concrete and Akins at his Saline County home—has been confirmed.

dropping her into a desert hot spring before he left Win-The second case, Sells says, involved a woman kid-nemucca on November 3.

napped by himself and an unnamed accomplice. She On November 17, 1987, Keith Dardeen found Sells was raped, murdered, and dumped into a flooded hitchhiking through Ina, Illinois, and took him home quarry in Pulaski County.

for dinner. Sells repaid the hospitality by shooting Sells moved to St. Louis in 1983. On July 31 of that Dardeen in the head and severing his penis, then ham-year, Thomas Gill came home from work and glimpsed mering young Peter Dardeen to death with a baseball a man fleeing from his home. Inside, Gill found his wife bat. Finally, he attempted to rape Keith's pregnant wife Colleen and four-year-old daughter Tiffany beaten to Eileen, but the assault induced labor. In a frenzy, Sells death. Sells would confess to the murders 18 years later.

clubbed both mother and newborn until they were life-Meanwhile, he was jailed for auto theft at Benton, Mis-less, then left the bat protruding from Eileen's vagina.

souri, in May 1984 and pleaded guilty as charged, Back in St. Louis, Sells was arrested for auto theft in receiving a two-year prison term. Paroled in February January 1988, but he fled town in September, before the 1985, Sells stole another car five months later. His case went to trial. Days later, 11-year-old Melissa Trem-mother reported Sells to police on July 22, and he fled a bley disappeared from Salem, New Hampshire. Last prison halfway house after being questioned by his seen in the parking lot of a convenience store, talking to parole officer. On July 26, Sells met 28-year-old Ena a man who resembled Sells, Trembley was found dead Cordt and her four-year-old son at a county fair in on September 12, raped and stabbed in a freight yard, Forsyth, Missouri. The lonely divorcée invited Sells where a train had run over her corpse.

home, then made the fatal error of searching his knap-Sells next roamed westward. He claims his next vic-sack. Sells caught her at it, and killed Ena and young tims were an unnamed woman and her three-year-old Rory with a baseball bat. A drunken car wreck in Sep-son, whom he met in Salt Lake City, Utah. Sells put **235**

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them to work begging cash on the street, then set off for Two months later, on July 29, Sells was ticketed for Idaho in a stolen car. Along the way, Sells says he killed driving without a license in Cleveland, Tennessee. In mother and child, dumping their bodies into the Snake October 1997 he left a pregnant girlfriend with his River. Settled briefly in Tucson by December 1988, Sells mother, in St. Louis, then moved on to Illinois alone. In fatally stabbed transient Kent Lauten, allegedly after a Lawrenceville, on October 13, Sells invaded the home drug deal went sour. Lauten's body was found on of Julie Rea, claiming that she insulted him at a nearby December 18, and although Tucson police had no leads convenience store. Sells later confessed to punching and in that case, they jailed Sells for assault with a deadly slashing Rea with a knife, then fatally stabbing her son, weapon in a separate incident. That case was dismissed 10-year-old Joel Kirkpatrick. Surfacing next in Spring-when the victim dropped from sight.

field, Missouri, Sells snatched teenager Stephanie On January 27, 1989, Sells quarreled with a ticket Mahaney from her bedroom, then raped and strangled agent on a train in Berkeley, California, then killed a her, dumping her body in a farmer's pond where streetwalker in another botched drug deal, dumping her hunters found it on November 18, 1997. Sells returned body at Truckee, near Lake Tahoe. Police confirmed briefly to St. Louis, then left again in January 1998, discovery of a "Jane Doe" corpse, still unidentified. In three months before his son was born.

April 1989, Sells claims, he killed a woman in her twen-In Texas, Sells joined the staff of a traveling carnities at Roseburg, Oregon. On May 9, he allegedly mur-val. He met a divorcée with three children in Del Rio, dered a female hitchhiker who tried to steal his drug and married her in October 1998, but drink and stash, dumping her body in a wooded area near the drugs made the relationship a stormy one. Sells left April victim. That same afternoon, Sells was jailed for alone for Florida in February 1999, then returned two theft after his employer at a Roseburg firewood stand weeks later, and was thrown out by his wife again on caught him tapping the till.

Sells served 15 days, then March 28. Two days later, he invaded the trailer home left town. Police in North Little Rock, Arkansas, of 28-year-old Debbie Harris, raping and fatally stab-charged Sells with theft on August 16, 1989, then bing her before he murdered 8-year-old Ambria Har-released him one week later without prosecution. Oak-ris, leaving the knife in her chest. On April 18, Sells land authorities placed him in detox for public drunk-raped and strangled nine-year-old Mary Perez in San enness on October 18, 1989, and he logged an identical Antonio. One month later, on May 13, he repeated charge one month later, in Carson City, Nevada.

his crime with 13-year-old Haley McHone in Lexing-December 1989 found Sells hospitalized in Phoenix, ton, Kentucky. Sells hid her body in a park, where it Arizona, for another heroin overdose. Police in Salt remained concealed for 10 days, and sold her bicycle Lake City held Sells for cocaine possession on January to a stranger for $20. Before McHone's body was 7, 1990, then released him on discovering that he had found, Sells was jailed for drunk and disorderly con-purchased harmless powder. Five days later, Sells was duct in Madison, Wisconsin. Released on June 24, he arrested for auto theft in Rawlings, Wyoming. Staffers returned to Del Rio for another battle with his wife, at Wyoming State Hospital noted that he "looks much quelled only when police were summoned to the

like CHARLES MANSON," with his matted hair and scene.

beard, but they found him competent for trial. Sells Sells left Texas for Oklahoma on July 3, 1999. Two proved a model inmate at a rural prison camp and was days later, he met 14-year-old Bobbie Lynn Wofford in released in January 1991.

Kingfisher, shooting her to death when she resisted As told by Sells, his next rampage began on Decem-rape. Sells stole her earrings and kept drifting, circling ber 9, 1991, when he invaded the Marianna, Florida, back to Del Rio in time for Christmas. On December home of 28-year-old Teresa Hall. Sells ransacked the 31, 1999, he invaded the Guajia Bay home of Terry house, smashing a table and using one of its legs to and Crystal Harris, acquaintances Sells met through fatally bludgeon Hall and her five-year-old daughter his employer. Creeping through the house with a knife, Tiffany. Drifting to Charleston, South Carolina, Sells Sells murdered 13-year-old Kaylene Harris and left 10-was arrested twice for public drunkenness in March year-old Krystal Surles for dead with her throat and April 1992. On May 13, in Charleston, West Vir-slashed. Almost

miraculously, Surles survived to iden-ginia, a 20-year-old woman found Sells begging on the tify Sells, and he was arrested at home on January 2, street and took him home. He raped, beat, and stabbed 2000. He agreed to a search of his home, revealing her, then looted the house, but his victim survived to bloody clothes and the 12-inch boning knife used in his summon police. Arrested on the strength of her descrip-latest crime. A short time later, Sells began his tion, Sells was convicted of malicious wounding on marathon confession, after remarking to Lieutenant June 25, 1993, receiving a sentence of two to 10 years Larry Pope, “I suppose you want me to tell you about in prison. Authorities released him in May 1997.

the other one.”

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In the wake of those confessions, Texas Rangers

“SERIAL Murder”: Defined

flew Sells across country in a bid to clear outstanding Throughout most of human history, serial murder—

cases. The effort mimicked tours with HENRY LEE

that is, the consecutive killing of victims *in series*—was LUCAS, almost 20 years earlier, but it failed to produce simply regarded and labeled as a form of “MASS MUR-the same results. In Little Rock, police had no record of DER.” Only since the late 1950s have criminologists a 1982 murder at the house Sells pointed out, but made a concerted effort to distinguish between different investigators learned that the tenant had played dead types of multiple murder, recognizing (however belat-after Sells fired a clumsy shot and missed him. Pulaski edly) that there may be method to the madness, as well County officers refused to look for the woman Sells as madness in the method. *How* a killer chooses, stalks claimed to have killed in 1982, complaining that a and slays his victim may, in fact, help us determine *why* search of flooded quarries was too costly. At Twin he kills. To that end if for no other reason, concise defi-Falls, Idaho, Sells could not find the spot where he nitions are critical. Sadly, they are also hard to come by allegedly murdered another woman in 1997, afterward in a field where egos often count for more than under-hacking her body apart with an ax and dropping it in standing and needless debate over trivia serves to com-the Snake River. In Nevada, Sells spoke to Win-pound, rather than eliminate, confusion.

nemucca’s sheriff and FBI agents about Stephanie Criminologist James Reinhardt took the first major Stroh, but her remains were not found.

step toward disentangling serial murder from other types Back in Texas, defense attorney Victor Garcia ques-of multicide in 1957 when he coined the phrase “chain tioned his client’s sanity, but Judge George Thurmond killers” in his book *Sex Perversions and Sex Crimes.* Sim-found Sells competent for trial on June 23, 2000. On ply stated, Reinhardt’s chain killers were those who left a September 12, Sells pleaded guilty to attempted murder

“chain” of victims behind them, slaughtered over time, in the case of Krystal Surles, while paradoxically plead-and he went on to provide more examples five years later ing not guilty in the death of Kaylene Harris. That plea in *The Psychology of Strange Killers* (1962).

proved futile with a confession on record, and jurors The term “serial murder” itself surfaced in 1961, convicted Sells of capital murder on September 18, according to author Harold Schechter and Jesse Sheid-2000. Three days later, the panel sentenced Sells to lower, editor of the *Oxford English Dictionary.* The death.

quote, attributed to German critic Siegfried Kracauer Investigation of the other slayings claimed by in *Merriam-Webster’s Third New International Dictio-Tommy Sells continued as this volume went to press.*

nary (1961) reads: “[He] denies that he is the pursued On February 7, 2001, police in Texas announced their serial murderer.” Five years later, in his book The belief that Sells might be guilty of 70 murders across the Meaning of Murder (1966), British author John Bro-United States, but authorities in other jurisdictions phy applied the label to “JACK THE RIPPER” and others.

remain skeptical. Lawrenceville, Illinois, was a case in Another decade passed before forensic psychiatrist point, where Julie Rea-Harper was convicted in March Donald Lunde mentioned “serial mass murder” in 2002 for the murder of her son Joel Kirkpatrick in Murder and Madness (1976). Between those publica-October 1997. Sentenced to 65 years in prison, Rea tions, FBI agent ROBERT K. RESSLER allegedly thought rejoiced when Sells confessed the crime, but prosecutor up the term on his own—coincidentally while visiting Todd Reitz demanded fresh DNA tests, dismissing Sells England in 1974, eight years after publication of Bro-with the observation that “He has made false confes-phy’s work—but he waited

nearly two decades to claim sions before." An appellate court ordered Rea-Harper credit for the brainstorm in Whoever Fights Monsters released from prison on July 9, 2004, pending results of (1992).

the DNA test, but defiant prosecutors jailed her without The clamor for credit aside, self-styled "experts" on bond in Lawrenceville. The troubling case was unre-serial murder spend much of their time debating proper solved at press time for this volume.

definitions and progress no further toward an under-On September 17, 2003, a grand jury in Greene

standing of the grim phenomenon itself. The FBI's County, Missouri, indicted Tommy Sells for the 1997

Crime Classification Manual (1992) defines serial mur-murder of Stephanie Mahaney. With Sells already fac-der as "three or more separate events in three or more ing death in Texas, some observers doubted that Sells separate locations with an emotional cooling-off period would ever face trial in that case. Assistant prosecutor between homicides." At first glance, the Bureau's defini-Dan Patterson told reporters, "We're pleased that he tion seems clear and concise. A second look, however, was indicted and hope this will bring some closure for reveals three built-in flaws that doom it from the start.

the family. The good thing about the indictment is that First, we have the requirement of "three or more"

we are in no rush to bring him back." No date has been murders to make up a bona fide series. Unfortunately, scheduled for trial in that case.

the FBI's other "official" categories of murder—single, ***237***

SEX Crimes and Serial Murder

double, triple, mass, and SPREE MURDER—make no ***SEX Crimes and Serial Murder***

allowance for the slayer who claims only two victims Seventy percent of all serial murders are sexually moti-with the requisite "cooling-off" period between crimes vated. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that many and who is then arrested prior to bagging number three.

repeat killers commit various other sex crimes through Double murder, in FBI parlance, describes two victims the years before they "graduate" to homicide. A killed at the same time and place; spree murder, mean-pedophile or serial rapist may assault dozens—even while, may have only two victims, but it is defined as "a hundreds—of victims before he starts

killing. For some, single event with . . . no emotional cooling-off period murder is the pinnacle of "achievement," an end in between murders." Thus, the killer who waits months itself and the only means of sexual release. Others, like or even years between his first and second kill then finds Florida's ROBERT JOE LONG, add murder as an embell-himself in jail has no place whatsoever in the Bureau's ishment to their ongoing crimes, killing some victims scheme of things.

and sparing others. In some cases, murder is simply A second problem is the FBI's requirement that serial expedient, a means of eliminating witnesses—particu-murders occur at "three or more separate locations."

larly if the individual offender has a record of convic-By that standard, some of the most prolific killers of tions for sex crimes and fears returning to prison.

modern times—including DEAN CORLL, JOHN GACY, In sexually motivated murder, the killer's personal DONALD HARVEY, and Britain's DENNIS NILSEN—do not fixation determines his (or her) choice of victims.

qualify as serial murderers, since they killed most or all Pedophiles hunt children (sometimes without regard to of their victims at a single location.

gender, more commonly preferring one sex or the Finally, we run head-on into the elusive, undefined other); "gay" killers typically (but not always) select

"cooling-off" period. No FBI spokesman has ever been same-sex victims; bisexual slayers may rape and kill vicable to pin down the time span; indeed, the Crime Clas-tims of either sex, indiscriminately. Other sex-driven sification Manual tells us that "[t]he cooling-off period killers fixate on the elderly, on victims from a particular can last for days, weeks, or months"—and, presumably, group or class (prostitutes, nurses, etc.), or those who even for years. Various authors have tried to resolve the possess specific physical traits (red hair, large breasts, problem by suggesting arbitrary time limits: one sug-tattoos).

gests two weeks, another "more than thirty days," but Sex crimes may not be obvious at first glance.

none of their attempts to saddle unknown killers with a Indeed, there may be no sign whatsoever of a "normal"

one-size-fits-all mandate stand up under close examina-sexual assault. England's BRUCE LEE (born Peter Dins-tion.

dale), a prolific serial arsonist, achieved orgasm only In terms of both utility and versatility, the best defin-when setting and watching fires, a pursuit that claimed ition of serial murder on record—and the one applied 26 lives between 1973 and 1980. Forty years earlier, in throughout this book—was published by the National Hungary, Sylvestre Matushke suffered a similar prob-Institute of Justice (NIJ) in 1988. The NIJ defines serial lem: in his case, the orgasmic trigger mechanism was killing as "a series of two or more murders, committed train wrecks, prompting him to dynamite railroad as separate events, usually, but not always, by one tracks in the path of speeding passenger trains.

offender acting alone. The crimes may occur over a The most common sex crime—rape—is divided by

period of time ranging from hours to years. Quite often the FBI's Crime Classification Manual (1992) into four the motive is psychological, and the offender's behavior broad categories with numerous subdivisions, as in the and the physical evidence observed at the crime scenes case of homicides. Generally, the Bureau recognizes will reflect sadistic, sexual overtones."

"criminal enterprise rape," "personal cause sexual By avoiding the rigid criteria of the FBI and other assault," "group cause sexual assault," and "sexual published definitions, the NIJ undoubtedly rankled assault not classified elsewhere" (fittingly defined, with-some purists—and authors with textbooks to sell—but out examples, as "those assaults that cannot be classi-its broad definition at once closes all of the FBI's loop-fied elsewhere").

holes while providing coverage for cases otherwise Criminal-enterprise rape is rare among serial killers denied any label at all. And thankfully, the NIJ's low-but cannot be ruled out in the case of those slayers com-key approach has even breached the Bureau's bulwark mitting criminal-enterprise murders. Subdivided into of resistance to change. In November 1997, speaking to

"primary felony rape" (where another crime such as reporters in Milwaukee of a case in progress, FBI Spe-burglary is intended and the victim is raped coinciden-cial Agent Richard Eggleston defined serial murder as tally) and "secondary felony rape" (where sexual

"two or more killings committed as separate events, assault is the primary goal, with robbery or some other usually by a lone offender."

crime committed as an afterthought), the FBI's classifi-See also MODUS OPERANDI; MOTIVES

cation oddly excludes the deliberate use of rape as a ***238***

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weapon of criminal enterprise. There are, for example, On balance, it is both naive and dangerous to claim many cases on record of girls and women being raped that while a wide variety of crimes—including ARSON, as a "lesson" or warning to others—usually a husband, burglary, and murder—may be sexually motivated, rape lover, or family member. Such incidents are most com-never is. The notion is naive because it flies in the face mon among gangs and violent elements of organized of forensic psychology, blandly ignoring criminal crime.

motives; it is dangerous because, if applied literally, it Personal-cause assaults, the largest category in the would preclude authorities from examining probable Bureau manual, includes such diverse cases as domestic suspects.

rape (victimizing a spouse, relative, or household mem-See also HOMOSEXUALITY; MOTIVES; PARAPHILIA ber), *entitlement* rape (with victims including acquaintances, employees or subordinates, medical patients, etc.), *anger* rape (a sexual expression of rage targeting

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victims by age, gender, race, or some other specific crite-A naive of Jaipur, India, a 27-year-old Kampatimar ria), *sadistic* rape (specifically intended to cause pain Shankariya was convicted in early 1979 of using a ham-and fear), *abduction* rape (any case where the victim is mer to kill at least 70 persons during the previous two transported to another crime scene), plus various types years. In his detailed confession, Shankariya told police of sexual crimes against children.

that he had killed his victims for the pleasure it pro-Despite the numerous kinds of rape identified by vided. Hanged at Jaipur on May 16, 1979, the killer's Bureau analysts, the FBI contends that there are only last words were a gallows lament. "I have murdered in four basic types of rapist. (In this context, "rape"

vain," he declared. "Nobody should become like me."

includes any form of aggressive sexual assault without *See also* RAGHAV, RAMAN

the limitations of restrictive legalese.) They include the *power-reassurance rapist,* whose crimes are “primarily an expression of his rape fantasies,” commonly includ-SHIPMAN, Harold Frederick

ing the delusion that his victims enjoy the experience The most prolific practitioner of MEDICAL MURDER

and will fall in love with their attacker; the exploitative since World War II was British physician Harold Ship-rapist, with whom “sexual behavior is expressed as an man, who also holds the 20th-century record for serial impulsive predatory act,” typically devoid of any intri-murder in Europe. Official records show that 500

cate, long-running fantasy; the *anger rapist,* for whom patients died in Shipman’s care between 1977 and

“sexuality is in the service of a primary aggressive aim,”

1998, with at least 215 of those deaths now presumed frequently including misplaced notions of revenge to be homicides. Investigators admit that the full tally against a hated class of persons (women, a particular of Shipman’s victims may never be known.

race, some authority figure); and the *sadistic rapist,* Harold Shipman—more commonly known as

whose crimes are once again the expression of fantasy,

“Fred”—was the middle child of a working-class fam-this time fueled by the victim’s suffering rather than ily, born on June 14, 1946. Classmates recall him as an delusions of romance.

academic plodder and accomplished athlete whose We often hear it said that “rape is not a sex crime; superior attitude kept him from forging close friend-it’s a crime of violence,” a slogan initially adopted by ships. Shipman failed his first entry exam at Leeds Uni-feminists, perhaps in a laudable attempt to relieve rape versity, but succeeded on his second try and maintained victims of misplaced guilt or embarrassment. And, adequate grades to earn a medical degree. Contempo-while the statement is true *to a point,* its very abso-raries at Leeds remember Shipman as “pretentious” and lutism insures that it will often be wrong. There is, in

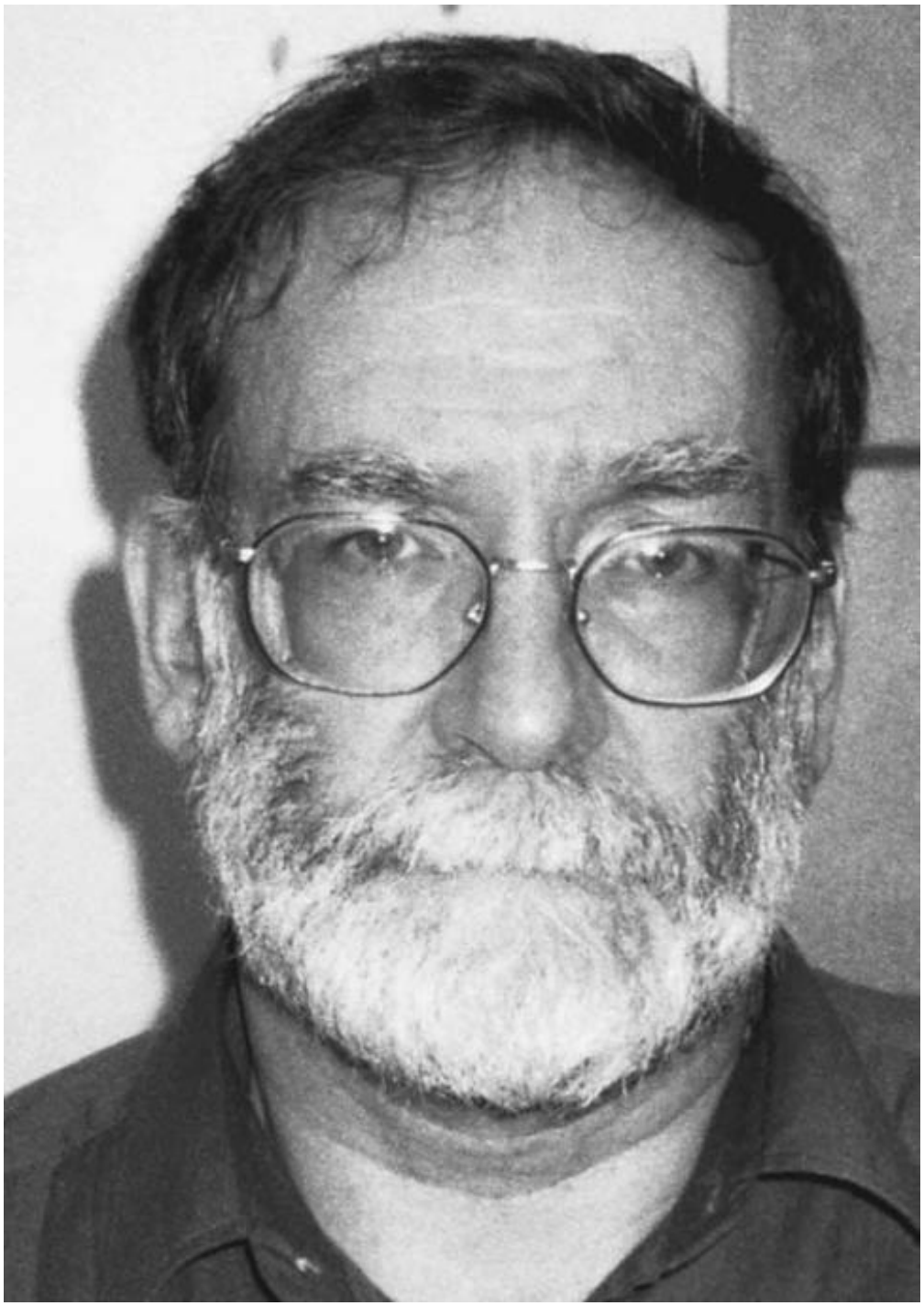
“a bit strange,” a loner who brought his sister to school fact, no division between “sex crimes” and “violent dances in place of a date. At age 19, he surprised crimes”; indeed, a sexual assault is violent by defini-acquaintances by embarking on a romance with Prim-tion—hence the term *assault.* Through the centuries, rose Oxtoby, three years his junior. She was

barely 17, rape has been employed for many different purposes, and five months pregnant, when they wed in 1966.

including use as a weapon of genocide (in “ethnic Shipman’s daughter was born in March 1967, followed cleansing” campaigns), as a form of punishment by by a son in 1971.

gangs or individuals, even as a tool of police interroga-In March 1974, Shipman joined a medical practice in tion. (In one Latin American country, through the mid-Todmorden, Yorkshire. While polite and cheerful with 1970s, police dogs were specially trained to rape female his colleagues and patients, Shipman was frequently prisoners; the ancient Romans taught a wide variety of rude to subordinates on staff, whom he belittled and creatures, ranging from goats to giraffes, to perform dismissed as “stupid.” In summer 1975, Shipman suf-similar acts in the Colosseum.)

fered a series of blackouts, medically inexplicable until **239**



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1992, Shipman surprised his Donneybrook colleagues by quitting the practice to set up shop alone, abscond-ing with 3,000 patients in the process. The betrayal proved doubly galling when Shipman opened his new office within yards of the Donneybrook center.

Many patients who followed Shipman to his new

address were older women, who admired Shipman for his dedication, long hours, frequent house calls—and his generosity with drug prescriptions. Over time, Shipman ranked among the Tameside district's top five doctors (out of 104 in practice) with respect to numbers of prescriptions issued. During his last six years in practice, patients cheerfully donated £19,200 to purchase new equipment for his office, confident that Shipman would employ the tools in their best interest. Naturally, some of his patients died from time to time. Who could expect a man of medicine to save them all?

One such patient was Kathleen Grundy, who died under Shipman's care on June 24, 1998, eight days short of her 82nd birthday. Her death was not entirely unexpected, at that age, but her will took Grundy's children by surprise. Crudely typed on cheap paper, it read: *All my estate, money and house to my doctor. My family are not in need and I want to reward him for all the care he has given me and the people of Hyde. He is sensible enough to handle any problems this may give him.*

My doctor is H. F. Shipman.

Dr. Harold Shipman (AP Photo/Manchester Police) While Grundy's affluent family truly did not need the

£386,402 inheritance, they were suspicious of the will and her scrawled signature. Police shared those suspi-a partner in the practice discovered that Shipman had cions, heightened when a note arrived at her attorney's consumed huge doses of pethidine—"thousands and office, typed with the same machine on identical paper.

thousands of ampoules"—which he charged to the It read: "I understand she lodged a will with you as I as practice. His subterfuge was uncovered on September a friend typed it out for her." The note bore no return 25, 1975, and his partners fired Shipman on the spot, address, and it was signed "S. Smith," a name unknown provoking a furious outburst. Shipman entered a drug to Grundy's family and friends.

rehab center, emerging in early 1976 to plead guilty on The witnesses to Mrs. Grundy's will were soon iden-eight charges of forging prescriptions. The court dis-tified as two of Dr. Shipman's patients. Both had signed missed 67 identical counts and fined him £600. In retro-the document—folded to hide its text—while waiting in spect, authorities would question whether Shipman his office for appointments, on June 9, 1998. Further really used the vast amount of pethidine, a powerful investigation led to

Shipman’s arrest on suspicion of narcotic, himself, or whether some was used to murder murder, on September 7, 1998. Over the next three patients in his care. The question is still unresolved.

months, 17 of Shipman’s former patients were exhumed Despite his recent scandal, Dr. Shipman found work for autopsy. All were women between the ages of 49

as a children’s physician for the South West Durham and 82 who had died in Shipman’s care between April Health Authority on September 12, 1977. Eighteen 1993 and June 1998. Post mortem examination

days later, he left that post to join a new medical prac-revealed that 15 of the 18 suspected victims had died tice, Donneybrook House, in Hyde. He bought a mod-from overdoses of morphine. Shipman’s trial on those est home in Mottram and sired two more sons, born in charges convened at Preston, in northwestern England, March 1979 and April 1982. Once again, partners and on October 6, 1999. On January 31, 2000, he was con-patients found Shipman cheerful enough, while staff victed and sentenced to life imprisonment for the mur-members complained of his rudeness and sarcasm. In ders of Sarah Ashworth (April 17, 1993), Marie West **240**

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(March 6, 1995), Lizzie Adams (February 28, 1997), January 13, 2004, jailers found Shipman hanged in his Jean Lilley (April 25, 1997), Ivy Lomas (May 29, cell at Wakefield Prison. Death was formally pro-1997), Muriel Grimshaw (July 14, 1997), Marie Quinn nounced at 8:10 A.M., and the incident was recorded as (November 24, 1997), Kathleen Wagstaff (December 9, a suicide. Kathleen Wood, daughter of 83-year-old vic-1997), Bianka Pomfret (December 10, 1997), Norah tim Bessie Baddeley, spoke for most Shipman survivors Nuttall (January 26, 1998), Pamela Hillier (February 9, when she told reporters, “I am not sorry he has gone, 1998), Maureen Ward (February 18, 1998), Winifred but it brings it all back and it stirs it all up for us Mellor (May 11, 1998), Joan Melia (June 12, 1998), again.” Three months later, on April 12, Judge Smith and Kathleen Grundy.

announced that her inquiry would resume in order to That grim tally was only the tip of the iceberg, how-decide if Shipman had murdered any victims between ever. By the time he went to trial in 1999, police were 1970 and 1974 when he was a resident at Pontefract speculating publicly that Shipman might have mur-General Infirmary. In August 2004, Smith recom-dered 75 to 100 patients. Old colleagues from Todmor-mended

creation of a “drugs inspectorate” to monitor den chimed in with accusations that their death rate the quantity of drugs prescribed and stored by British during Shipman’s tenure had numbered 30 to 40 above doctors and pharmacists. No progress had been made average, while Shipman’s signature appeared on 22

in that direction when this volume went to press.

death certificates. In July 2000, when Britain’s High Court banned a secret government inquiry on Shipman’s case in favor of public hearings, detectives sug-SITHOLE, Moses

gested that “Dr. Death” may have claimed 192 lives.

South Africa’s most prolific serial killer to date, Moses That inquiry examined 800 deaths and expected to Sithole stands convicted of 38 slayings in a series of report conclusions in 500 separate cases. In May 2001,

“ABC Murders” committed between January and

police said they had conclusive evidence of 23 murders October 1995. The crimes received their media nick-beyond the original 15, while speculating that Shipman name from the fact that they began in Atteridgeville murdered at least 297 victims and perhaps as many as (spawning ground for so many South African slayers), 345. Relatives of one dead patient reported that her continued in Boksburg, and claimed more lives in engagement ring was stolen, while another lost cash Cleveland. The victims, all female, were apparently and her dentures. (With regard to the missing teeth, lured or transported to outlying fields where they were Shipman remarked, “She’s probably swallowed

beaten, stripped, raped, and strangled with articles of them.”) Patient Kenneth Smith, lost in December 1996, their own clothing. Several victims were found with had begun calling Shipman the “Angel of Death” three hands tied behind their backs, and one still wore a weeks earlier, after neighbor Tommy Cheetham died in blindfold. Many were left with pieces of clothing Shipman’s care.

draped across their faces as if to prevent them from On July 19, 2002, High Court judge Dame Janet

staring at their killer in death.

Smith declared that Dr. Shipman had murdered no less South African authorities, virtually overrun by serial than 215 of his patients over a 23-year period; another killers in the wake of apartheid’s collapse, consulted

ex-200 deaths were deemed “highly suspicious,” while FBI Agent ROBERT RESSLER in their search for the Smith harbored “real suspicion” in 45 outstanding

“ABC” killer. Working in conjunction with DR. MICKI cases. Of the 215 confirmed victims, 171 were women PISTORIUS, Ressler concluded that the murders in all and 44 were men, ranging in age from 47 to 93 years.

three communities were linked. President Nelson Man-Officially, his first victim was Eva Lyons, killed at dela was concerned enough about the crime wave to Todmorden in March 1975, but police harbored dark cancel a scheduled trip abroad, appearing in Boksburg suspicions in the deaths of 62-year-old Robert Lingard with high-ranking justice officials, where he appealed and 84-year-old Elizabeth Pearce, who died at Tod-for public help in tracking the strangler.

morden within a five-hour span on January 21, 1975.

Police got their break in early October 1995 when a Judge Smith charged that Shipman had murdered 71

Cape Town newspaper, *The Star,* received an anony-patients at Donneybrook House and 143 while workmous telephone call from the slayer. He identified himing alone in Hyde, during the period 1992–98. Smith self as “the man that is so highly wanted,” describing his called her report “as complete and accurate an murders as an act of revenge for a prior miscarriage of account of Shipman’s criminality as I believe it will be justice. As described by the caller, he had been arrested ever be possible for anyone other than Shipman himin 1978 for “a crime I didn’t do”—specifically, a rape—

self to give.”

and spent the next 14 years in prison, where he was No new charges were filed in the cases identified by

“abused” and “tortured” by fellow inmates. To make Judge Smith, but it hardly mattered. At 6:20 A.M. on matters worse, the caller said, his parents and sister had **241**

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died while he was in prison. In retaliation for those **SNOWTOWN, Australia, murders**

wrongs, he explained, “I force a woman to go where I Snowtown is a small farming community located 93

want, and when I go there I tell them, ‘Do you know miles north of Adelaide in the heart of South Australia’s what? I was hurt, so I’m doing it now.’ Then I kill

“wheat belt.” Founded in 1878, it survives by hard them.” When asked how many victims he had killed, the work and iron will, its 520 year-round residents accus-caller claimed 76—twice as many as police had found tomed to hardship. Snowtown’s only bank closed in the thus far. To verify his claim, he signed off with directions 1990s, and in January 1999 was rented out as storage to the corpse of “a lady I don’t think the police have dis-space for $60 per month. If anyone had forecast possi-covered.”

ble locations for Australia’s worst serial murders that With so many clues in hand, police soon focused year, it is unlikely Snowtown would have made the their search on Moses Sithole, a 31-year-old ex-convict list —but small towns have their grisly secrets, too.

and youth counselor who had suddenly dropped out of The nightmare began, unnoticed, with the August sight. Known to use as many as six pseudonyms, he 1993 disappearance of Clinton Trezise, a 22-year-old proved an elusive quarry, but a tip directed them to his homosexual known as “Happy Pants” to some of his hideout in the Johannesburg slum of Benoni on October acquaintances in Adelaide. An inveterate drifter, Trezise 18. Armed with a hatchet when officers approached was barely missed until his skeletal remains were found him, Sithole wounded one policeman before he was buried at Lower Light, north of Adelaide, in 1995. In shot and disarmed. He survived his wounds and was 1996, 47-year-old Suzanne Allen and 26-year-old Ray soon transferred from intensive care to a military hospi-Davies vanished from the Adelaide’s low-income distal, where physicians diagnosed him as HIV-positive. In trict. In 1997, missing-persons reports were filed on 19-custody, he boasted of teaching his victims “a very good year-old Michael Gardiner, 18-year-old Thomas

lesson” by killing them.

Trevilyan, and 40-year-old Barry Lane (a transvestite Robert Ressler’s profile of the “ABC” killer had and twice-convicted pedophile). The missing list for suggested the possibility of two TEAM KILLERS working 1998 included 37-year-old Elizabeth Haydon, her 18-together, and police initially suspected that Sithole year-old nephew Frederick Brooks, 29-year-old Garry might be an accomplice of David Selepe, linked to a O’Dwyer,

31-year-old Gavin Porter, and 21-year-old half-dozen murders of women in Cleveland, but Sit-Troy Youde.

hole denied ever meeting Selepe, and no evidence has Police came close to cracking the case in November been found to connect the two men. (Selepe, for his 1998, when Elizabeth Haydon vanished from home part, had nothing to say on the subject. He was shot after a noisy dispute with her husband Mark. Later, dead in December 1994, reportedly after attacking a detectives claimed that Elizabeth's remains and those of policeman on a visit to one of his crime scenes. The six other victims were stashed in a disabled Toyota officer who killed him was exonerated on a claim of Land Cruiser parked on the property in Smithfield self-defense.)

Plains, but it was hauled off to a farm owned by A full year passed before Moses Sithole made his first friends, 90 miles from the scene, before officers exam-court appearance, on October 22, 1996, formally ined it. Two months later, 40-year-old Mark Haydon charged with 38 murders, 40 rapes, and six counts of and 32-year-old John Justin Bunting arrived in Snow-robbery. His trial, scheduled to begin on November 14, town, offering to rent the abandoned State Bank. The was postponed when Sithole arrived in court that morn-men told landlord Andrew Michael that they planned ing, his pants drenched in blood. He was rushed to a to store used parts for cars and motorcycles in the vault.

hospital, treated for an open knee wound apparently A deal was struck, and the new renters soon delivered sustained at Pretoria Central Prison. When his trial six black plastic vats to the bank. On Mother's Day, finally convened in February 1997, an American voice when a neighbor asked about the contents of the vats, expert identified Sithole as the caller who had boasted Bunting replied, "You wouldn't want to know."

of his murders to reporters at *The Star.* Sithole had also According to police, the last of 12 murders was car-confessed his crimes in detail to other inmates, some of ried out one day later, on May 9, 1999, inside the bank whom were curiously equipped with both tape

itself. The final victim, 24-year-old David Johnson, was recorders and video cameras, capturing his boasts for lured to Snowtown by his 18-year-old half-brother posterity. The long-winded proceedings were delayed James Spyridon Vlassakis (also a half-brother of victim once again in August when Sithole started vomiting Troy Youde). As later reconstructed by detectives, Vlas-blood from a stomach ulcer, but there was no escaping

sakis enticed Johnson with the offer of a cheap com-justice. On December 5, 1997, jurors convicted Sithole puter, then watched as he was tortured, strangled, and on all counts; the following day, he was sentenced to a crudely dismembered by three confederates—Bunting, prison term of 2,410 years.

Haydon, and 27-year-old Robert Joe Wagner. Vlassakis **242**

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later claimed that Wagner carved a slab of flesh from would tell the court, “Pedophiles were doing terrible Johnson’s corpse, then later fried and ate it.

things to children and innocent children were being A tangled web of personal relationships led police to damaged. The authorities did nothing about it, I was Snowtown on May 20, 1999. Upon opening the bank’s very angry. Someone had to do something about it. I vault, heavy with the stench of death, they found six decided to take action and I took that action.” Police vats of acid haphazardly crammed with remains of eight dismissed that claim, charging that Bunting killed most corpses, identified as victims Brooks, Gardiner, Haydon, of his victims to steal their government welfare checks, Johnson, Lane, O’Dwyer, Porter, and Youde. Also seized torturing some to obtain the PIN numbers to their bank in the raid were ropes, handcuffs, knives, bone-crushing accounts.

instruments, and an electric generator equipped with Court-appointed psychologists struck a middle

alligator clips. Pathologist John Gilbert later reported ground between Bunting’s vigilante claims and bland that at least two victims bore signs of torture, including police denials. In fact, they maintained, Bunting hated burn marks on their torsos and scrotums.

all those he regarded as “weak”—the unemployed, dis-John Bunting, Mark Haydon, and Robert Wagner

abled, mentally defective—while reserving special anger were jailed on May 21 and charged with murder in for suspected pedophiles. He despised Elizabeth Hay-Adelaide Magistrates Court. That afternoon, police don because she was unkempt, obese, and had eight armed with ground-penetrating radar visited the home children by multiple fathers. Bunting enjoyed a sexual in Salisbury North, where Bunting lived with James relationship with Haydon’s sister, Jodie Elliott, but dis-Vlassakis. Detective Bryan Hearn questioned Vlassakis, missed her son (Fred Brooks) as

“waste” because he describing the fourth suspect as “overawed” by the dis- had a learning disability. Bunting’s torture of Brooks on play of police technology. More evidence was seized, the day he died included inserting a lit sparkler into the and diggers unearthed two plastic bags filled with teenager’s penis. Accomplice Robert Wagner had human remains, hidden beneath a concrete slab outside attempted suicide at age eight after he was molested by the house. Two days later, on May 23, further excava-a family friend, and James Vlassakis also claimed a tion revealed a skeleton buried 10 feet beneath the first background of sexual abuse. Together, they made will-set of remains. Those victims were identified as Suzanne ing soldiers in Bunting’s war against “dirties.”

Allen and Ray Davies.

Barry Lane was a prime target for Bunting’s homici-The murders brought a short-lived economic boom dal rage, channeled through Wagner and Vlassakis. A to Snowtown, where residents cashed in with guided flamboyant cross-dresser who called himself

tours and hasty garage sales staged for the morbidly

“Vanessa,” twice convicted of molesting children, Lane curious. Unsatisfied with local trade, the old bank’s met Robert Wagner soon after Wagner left school, still owner announced plans to auction its contents on the illiterate at age 14. Traumatized by sexual abuse and Internet. “There’s been a lot of overseas interest,” she the beatings his father inflicted for trivial sins, Wagner told reporters, “so I figure I should give everyone a fled home with Lane to live in New South Wales. They chance to buy significant pieces like the door.” Police, returned to Adelaide four years later, and settled in a meanwhile, were busy perfecting their case against house near Bunting’s. Lane introduced Wagner to the Bunting, Haydon, Vlassakis, and Wagner. The story neighbors as his fiancée. Their house was “putrid,”

they pieced together was a grim mélange of sadism, per-friends recalled, because their four dogs defecated versity, and common greed.

everywhere without restraint. Bunting befriended Wag-John Bunting emerged as the ringleader and masterner, tapping him as a source for names of pedophiles mind of the deadly quartet. Born in September 1966 in which Bunting posted on a “spider wall” at home.

the Brisbane suburb of Inala, Bunting was sexually Their conversations soured Wagner’s relationship with abused at some point in childhood. He would later Lane, and Lane fled after violence erupted. The gang describe

the event to friends as “his accident.” In a poor soon tracked him down and killed him at his new neighborhood awash with drugs and alcohol, Bunting home in Hectorville.

stood out for his fanatical sobriety. He worked for a Meanwhile, Bunting embarked on a relationship

time in a slaughterhouse, regaling friends with his with Elizabeth Harvey, another unwed mother with hatred of pedophiles, whom he dubbed “dirties.” Mark children by multiple partners, whose sons included Day, a teenage acquaintance, recalled Bunting’s tales of James Vlassakis, David Johnson, and Troy Youde.

assaulting child molesters, but dismissed the stories as Vlassakis fell under Bunting’s spell, and eventually sac-

“hot air.” Associate Marcus Johnson recounted a rificed his two half-brothers to profitable war on “dirt-

“game” devised by Bunting and his friends, wherein ies.” Mark Haydon was the odd man out, older than they would “take care of” pedophiles by “burying any of the rest, described in media reports as an ardent them” or “throwing them off cliffs.” At trial, Bunting neo-Nazi who fell in line with Bunting’s half-baked **243**

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scheme to “purify” Adelaide while making a buck in that I cannot envisage anything that would justify fixing the bargain.

a non-parole period. If I had the power to make an The murders, as described in court, were both brutal order for them never to be released, I would unhesitat-and ritualized. Victims were beaten, shocked, and othingly make that order.” In rejecting the strange vigilante erwise tortured, sometimes with fingers and toes defense, Martin added, “I am satisfied both of you crushed by pliers. Somber music set the tone. Victims derived pleasure from the physical act of killing and the were compelled to call Bunting “Lord Sir” and address violence and torture that preceded some of the killings.

Wagner as “God.” Three early victims were buried, and I am also satisfied you derived pleasure from the parts of the rest were preserved for easy fetishistic defleshing and dismembering of some of the bodies.”

access. Vlassakis gobbled drugs during the murders, but Even with that judgment rendered, the Snowtown his three companions seemingly abstained. Wagner’s case was not finished. Judge Martin ordered a retrial

for detour into CANNIBALISM, following the Johnson mur-the Allen murder, which—like Mark Haydon’s trial—

der, stood as grisly evidence that the crimes were never had not convened at press time for this volume. Bunting strictly a matter of profit.

appealed his sentence in May 2004, claiming that pros-In the wake of Johnson’s death, Wagner visited the ecutors had obstructed his defense, but that assertion victim’s father, claiming that Johnson had gone into was rejected.

hiding because he had been in a car accident and had impregnated a 13-year-old girl. Curious friends were treated to a tape recording, extracted from Johnson **SOBHRAJ, Charles Gurmukh**

under torture, wherein he said, “I’ve got myself a real Born Hotchand Bhawnani Gurmukh Sobhraj, in April girlfriend. I don’t need a whore.” By that time, however, 1944, Southeast Asia’s most notorious serial killer was police were on the case, intercepting telephone calls the illegitimate son of a Vietnamese peasant girl and a between Bunting and Wagner, recording comments to wealthy Indian merchant living in Saigon. Sobhraj’s support their search warrant in Snowtown.

father married an Indian woman in Pooma, whereupon Using fingerprints and dental records, police identi-his mother retaliated by wedding a French military offi-fied five victims from the bank vault on May 28, 1999.

cer when Sobhraj was four years old. Indochina was in Three more were identified on June 12, and a total of turmoil at the time, with French colonial troops fighting 11 by September 1. Prosecutors presented more than a hopeless rearguard action against Ho Chi Minh’s 4,000 exhibits and 1,300 sworn declarations when they rebels, and young Hotchand Sobhraj witnessed count-launched a committal hearing on December 12, 2000, less acts of violence before his stepfather took the fam-required by Australian law to decide if the four suspects ily to France in 1953.

should be held for trial. That long-winded hearing was Sobhraj hated Europe and the Catholic boarding stalled in April 2001, permitting defense lawyers to school in Paris where he soon became the butt of racial review 6,000 hours of police wiretap recordings. Defen-jokes and insults. (The school’s main contribution to his dant Vlassakis provided another interruption on June future was a new name—“Charles”—appended in trib-21, when he tearfully pleaded guilty to the murders of ute to Sobhraj’s

clever impersonations of comedian four victims (Brooks, Johnson, O’Dwyer, and Youde).

Charlie Chaplin.) At first, he expressed his displeasure Justice Kevin Duggan immediately sentenced Vlassakis through tantrums and persistent bed-wetting, twice to four life terms in prison, but his 42-year minimum running away to Saigon in his teens. Sobhraj’s father without parole was later cut in half when Vlassakis sent him back each time, but finally agreed to pay his turned state’s evidence against his three confederates.

passage for a trial visit home. The ticket never came, On July 3, 2001, Magistrate David Gurry confirmed and Sobhraj turned to robbery, landing briefly in jail on that Bunting, Haydon, and Wagner should stand trial his second attempt. He finally reached Vietnam on his on 10 murder charges. Legal maneuvers severed Hay-own, but the family reunion was tense, and Sobhraj was don’s case from the others for separate trial, and the soon packed off to live with relatives in India after Bunting-Wagner trial was postponed until October wrecking his father’s car. When he turned up in Saigon 2002. A jury was empanelled on October 16, and testi-again, uninvited, Charles’s father gave up and sent him mony consumed the next 11 months. Both defendants back to France.

were convicted in September 2003, Bunting on 11 mur-In Paris, Sobhraj was locked up twice for auto theft, der counts, Wagner on 10. (Jurors deadlocked on the emerging from custody the second time with a short-case of victim Suzanne Allen.) Judge Brian Martin sen-lived desire to “go straight.” He married and found a tenced both defendants to multiple life terms on Octo-job, but the workaday life quickly palled. Jailed again ber 29, 2003. While refusing to set a minimum sentence for writing bad checks on his sister’s account, Sobhraj for either prisoner, Martin declared, “I make it plain was freed when she dropped the charges. He continued

bouncing checks, however, collecting some 30,000

called either Connie Jo Bronzich or Annabella Tremont.

francs before he fled with his wife to Bombay, there set-Sobhraj—traveling as Bintanja Henricus, with the dead ting up shop as an international con man and smuggler, man’s passport—was registered at the same hotel as his specializing in theft of passports from American and two latest victims, but he slipped out of Nepal after pre-European tourists. Held for a jewel robbery in Delhi, liminary questioning.

Sobhraj was granted bail in spite of an escape attempt.

Sobhraj continued his aimless trek across Asia, mur-He promptly fled to Kabul, Afghanistan, where police dering Israeli Allen Jacobs for his passport at Varanasi, soon detained him for car theft and sundry lesser in northern India. (Accomplice Marie-Andrée Leclerc charges. Another jailbreak brought him back to France, received a life sentence for the Jacobs murder. Diag-where he kidnapped his infant daughter from his nosed with cancer in 1983, she was released to her mother-in-law, leaving the woman drugged and locked native Quebec and died there in 1984.) A few days later, in a closet.

on January 9, 1976, Sobhraj and two accomplices Sobhraj's first known murder victim was a Pakistani drugged a trio of Frenchmen at Goa, dumping their chauffeur named Habib, hired by Sobhraj and a female bodies at roadside, but all three survived the attack. In companion in September 1972 for a trip between Hong Kong, victim Allen Gore was also lucky; he lost Rawalpindi and Peshawar. Along the way, for reasons $8,000 but kept his life, despite a jolt of Sobhraj's still unclear, Sobhraj injected Habib with a drug that chemical cocktail. Arrested with false passports in took his life, then dumped the victim's body in a river.

Bangkok, Sobhraj was released after bribing the local Murder warrants were issued for suspect "Damon Sea-police. In Penang, he was detained for trying to cash man," but another year elapsed before Sobhraj was stolen traveler's checks, but he managed to talk his way finally identified.

out of jail.

Arresting him was something else. November 1973

Back in Bombay, Sobhraj slipped a fatal mickey to found Sobhraj in Istanbul, teaming with his brother French tourist Jean-Luc Solomon, moving on from Guy to drug and rob wealthy tourists. Both were there to more ambitious projects. He next drugged an arrested in Greece, but Charles managed another entire class of 60 French engineering students, planning escape, leaving Guy to face charges while he fled back to rob them all, but miscalculation of the dosage sent to India. In Delhi, he entered the heroin trade, gaining a 20 to a local hospital. This time police were ready, foothold in the cutthroat business with inside informa-arresting Sobhraj on July 5, 1976. Although persuasive tion procured (via drugs and torture) from a local evidence linked him to at least 10 murders spanning pusher, whom Sobhraj later killed.

half a dozen nations, he faced trial only for crimes in Murder seemed to come easier each time, as Sobhraj India. Convicted of “culpable homicide” in the established a lethal system. Often working with female Solomon case, Sobhraj was sentenced to seven years at accomplices, he ingratiated himself with tourists along hard labor, with two more years tacked on for drugging Asia’s “hippie trail,” leaving corpses wherever he trav-the French students. In 1982, he received a life sentence eled. In time, police dubbed Sobhraj “The Serpent,” for for murdering Allen Jacobs. Four years later, Sobhraj his skill at eluding capture and confinement. American staged another jailbreak but was soon recaptured.

reporters called him the “CHARLES MANSON of the Authors who interviewed The Serpent in prison con-East.” He was a lethal customer by any name, claiming tend that his escape was a deliberate ploy, planned to an estimated 20 lives between Turkey and Hong Kong.

extend his Indian prison term beyond the statute of lim-The list of victims remains incomplete, but some itations for murder charges then pending in Thailand.

have been identified. In October 1975, Sobhraj killed an If true, the ploy worked. Sobhraj was paroled in American tourist, Teresa Knowlton, in his Delhi flat 1997 and deported to France, where he settled into a and had a cohort dump her corpse. A Turkish competi-comfortable existence as a celebrity rogue. Repudiating tor in the drug trade, Vitali Hakim, was beaten, his his various jailhouse confessions, Sobhraj granted inter-neck snapped, his body doused with gasoline and set views to journalists, filmmakers, and prospective biog-afire. In Bangkok, Sobhraj strangled Hakim’s French raphers at $5,000 a session, providing rose-tinted contact, one Stephanie Parry. A month later, still in glimpses of his life as an international man of mystery.

Bangkok, he strangled Dutch tourists Bintanja Henricus In 2000, Sobhraj reportedly moved to London, but his and Cornelia Hemker on December 16. Christmas

Asian haunts exerted an irresistible allure. September found him in Nepal, where two more tourists were 2003 found him back in Kathmandu, where Indian stabbed to death near Kathmandu, their bodies burned.

reporters tracked him down and published photos of Various published accounts identify the male victim, a him circulating on the streets. Police arrested him on Canadian, as either Laurent Carriere or Laddie du Parr,

September 19, citing open warrants in the 1975 murder while his female traveling companion from California is case of victims Carriere-du Parr and Bronzich-Tremont.

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Detectives claimed Sobhraj had once again entered a case where there is no proper process? It was an Nepal as Bintjana Henricus, still milking the stolen unfair trial."

identity of another former victim.

A judge denied bail to Sobhraj on October 20, 2003, and he sat in jail awaiting trial on immigration charges **SOTO, Erno**

(including use of a false "Henricus" passport) while Officially unsolved, the case of New York City's "Char-homicide investigators dusted off their 28-year-old mur-lie Chopoff" murders occupied police for more than der case. Awaiting trial, Sobhraj airily dismissed the two years, from March 1972 through May 1974. The prosecution's "dubious writings" and other evidence files are technically open today, despite the arrest of a from 1975, while staunchly maintaining his innocence.

promising suspect and his eventual commitment to a

“If I am guilty,” he asked a stringer from the *San Fran-mental institution for the criminally insane. While he cisco Chronicle in November 2003, “why didn’t I run remains incarcerated, deemed incompetent for trial, the when the Himalayan Times said I was in Nepal? I have crimes may not be cleared, but lead investigators on the nothing to reproach myself for.” A would-be prosecutor case are quick to note that “Charlie’s” random depre- told the press, “There may not be much physical evidations ended when their man was taken off the street.*

dence against him, but eyewitness testimony is stronger Erno Soto’s marriage seemed to be the root of all his than the documentary evidence. There are witnesses problems. Separated from his wife for several years, he from the time who saw him, policemen and others.”

made a stab at reconciliation but was startled to dis-Perhaps, but Sobhraj was still awaiting trial in June cover that she had conceived a black child in his 2004, when court officials announced that his case absence. (Soto and his wife are Puerto Ricans.) He pre-would be postponed during Nepal’s holiday festival sea-tended not to care, but as the boy’s eighth birthday son. Four days later, on June 29, spokesmen for Bakhta- rolled around, Soto’s behavior grew increasingly erratic, pur’s district court informed the Kathmandu District resulting in his commitment to Manhattan State Hospi-Court that no trace could be found of Sobhraj’s murder tal in 1969 and 1970. He would return for further file from 1975. That news brought a solemn announce-treatment at sporadic intervals thereafter, but the evi-ment from Balabhadra Bastola, administrative chief in dence suggests that Soto found his primary relief by Kathmandu, that trial could not proceed without the stalking small, dark-skinned boys on New York’s ancient evidence. Despite predictions from Sobhraj that streets.

he would soon be free once more, a Nepalese court con-The first to die was Douglas Owens, black and eight victed him of double murder on August 12, 2004. He years old, found murdered two blocks from his Harlem was immediately sentenced to life imprisonment, tenement on March 9, 1972. Discarded on a rooftop, whereupon Sobhraj told reporters, “I am shocked. I Owens had been stabbed 38 times in the neck, chest, was found guilty without witnesses and evidence. I did and back, his penis nearly severed from his body. An not get a chance to defend myself. How can I defend on anonymous phone tip, received by police on March 23, fingered Erno Soto as a suspect in the case, but it was not pursued.

Another black boy, 10 years old, attacked on the city's Upper West Side on April 20. Stabbed in the neck and back, he was also sexually mutilated, his penis severed and carried away by the man who left him for dead. The boy survived his injuries and offered homicide detective a description of the suspect, but the trauma he had suffered limited his value as a witness.

On October 23, another black boy—nine-year-old Wendell Hubbard—was killed in East Harlem, six blocks from the site of the Owens murder. Hubbard was stabbed 17 times in the neck, chest, and abdomen, his penis removed by the killer and carried away from the scene. Five months later, on March 7, nine-year-old Luis Ortiz, a dark-skinned Puerto Rican, vanished on an errand to the corner store. His body—stabbed 38

times in the neck, chest, and back, penis severed and Charles Sobhraj is guarded by police officers as he is missing—was found in the basement of an apartment taken into court in Kathmandu, Nepal. (AP Photo/Binod Joshi) house along his route of travel.

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"SOUTHSIDE Slayer"

The death of Steven Cropper on August 17, 1973, January 1. Patricia Dennis was the next to fall, her appeared to break the killer's pattern. Cropper fit the mutilated body recovered on February 11. The first vic-victim profile perfectly—a black boy, eight years old—

tim for March was Sheily Wilson, murdered in Ingle-and while he had been murdered on a rooftop, he had wood on the 20th. Three days later, the stalker claimed not been stabbed. Instead, the fatal wounds were razor Lillian Stoval in Los Angeles. Number eight was Patsy slashes, and his genitals were still intact. Police initially Webb, murdered on April 15, with Cathy Gustavson suspected that a second killer was responsible, but they joining the list on July 28.

later decided it was too coincidental for a pair of slash-Thus far, the killer had missed only once, leaving one ers to be stalking young black boys simultaneously victim comatose after a savage beating. On August 6, around New York.

his next intended target managed to escape by leaping On May 15, 1974, Erno Soto was arrested after

from his moving car. She offered homicide detectives a bungling the abduction of a nine-year-old Puerto Rican description and assisted in the preparation of a widely boy, being surrounded by neighbors and held for

police published sketch, but officers appeared no closer to after the child escaped his clutches. In custody, he con-their suspect than they were in 1983.

fessed to the Cropper slaying, but "Charlie Chopoff's"

Rebounding from his recent failure with another kill, sole surviving victim refused to pick Soto out of a the slayer dumped Gail Ficklin's body in Los Angeles on lineup, saying only that the suspect's appearance was August 15. A 12-week lull was broken on November 6

"similar." Officials at Manhattan State Hospital ini-with Gayle Rouselle's murder in Gardena, and the killer tially provided an alibi, stating that Soto had been con-returned the next day to slaughter Myrtle Collier in fined on the date of Cropper's slaying, but they later L.A. Nesia McElrath, 23, was found slain on December admitted that he sometimes slipped away from the facil-19, and Elizabeth Landcraft's mutilated corpse was ity, unnoticed. Found to be insane, the suspect was found on December 22, 1985. The day after Christmas, returned to the hospital under closer guard, the Gidget Castro's body was discarded in the City of Com-

"unsolved" murders terminating after he was locked merce.

away. Tagged with the pseudonym of "Miguel Rivera"

The new year was five days old when Tammy

when author Barbara Gelb described his case in On the Scretchings met her killer in Los Angeles, becoming Track of Murder (1975), Soto continues to confound number 14 on the Southside Slayer's hit parade. On some authors who report his crimes under the false January 10, a 27-year-old prostitute was beaten and a name, instead of his own.

male acquaintance stabbed when he attempted to See also RANES, DANNY and LARRY

restrain her violent customer. Their physical descriptions of the suspect tallied with reports from the survivor who escaped in August 1985.

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The killer chalked up number 16, Lorna Reed, on Unidentified at this writing, the "Southside Slayer" of February 11, 1986, discarding her corpse at San Dimas, Los Angeles is credited with at least 14 homicides 25 miles east of his usual hunting ground. Prostitute between September 1983 and May 1987. At least three Verna Williams was found on May 26, her body

other victims are considered possible additions to the slumped in the stairwell of a Los Angeles elementary list, and three more managed to survive encounters with school, and Trina Chaney joined the list November 3, the stalker, offering police descriptions of a black man in in Watts. In January 1988, police announced that Car-his early thirties, sporting a mustache and baseball cap.

olyn Barney—killed May 29, 1987—was being added The killer's chosen victims have been women, mostly to the Southside list.

black and mainly prostitutes, tortured with superficial Three other victims have been unofficially connected cuts before they were strangled or stabbed to death in a to the Southside Slayer, though detectives hesitate to grisly "pattern of overkill," their bodies dumped on res-make a positive I.D. Loretta Jones, a 22-year-old coed idential streets, in alleyways, and in schoolyards.

with no criminal record, was murdered and dumped in Loletha Prevot was the killer's first known victim, a Los Angeles alley on April 15, 1986. A white "Jane found dead in Los Angeles on September 4, 1983. Four Doe," age 25 to 30, was discovered strangled in a months passed before the killer struck again, on New garbage dumpster three weeks later. Finally, Canoscha Year's Day, dumping the corpse of Patricia Coleman in Griffin, 22, was stabbed to death on the grounds of a Inglewood. Another 10 months slipped away before local high school, her body discovered on July 24.

discovery of a third victim, Sheila Burton—alias Bur-By early 1988, police were backing off their initial ris—on November 18, 1984.

body count, noting that defendant Charles Mosley had The elusive slayer adopted a regular schedule in been convicted in one of the 1986 murders, while five 1985, beginning with the murder of Frankie Bell on more cases—involving victims Barney, Burris, Castro, ***247***

"SPREE Murder"

Ficklin, and McElrath—were considered "closed" with in a shootout with police. The authors tell us that the arrest of two other serial slayers, Louis Craine and

"Wilder's classification changed from serial to spree Daniel Siebert. Los Angeles police were less fortunate because of the multiple murders and the lack of a cool-with their hasty arrest of an African-American L.A.

ing-off period during his prolonged murder event, County sheriff's deputy, Rickey Ross, as a suspect in the which lasted nearly seven weeks."

Four years later in Southside case, when ballistics tests on the officer's pis-Whoever Fights Monsters (1992), Ressler further con-tol cleared him of involvement in the crimes. The case fused the issue by describing Richard Speck's massacre remains unsolved today.

of eight student nurses in their shared living quarters as a spree murder (corrected in the paperback edition to read "mass murder").

"SPREE Murder": Defined

Ultimately, such refinement of a term to the nth A prime example of FBI taxonomy refined to the point degree without defining the critical time spans involved of inadvertent chaos, the term *spree murder* needlessly or making allowance for individual cases, appears to complicates classification of multiple homicides.

serve no useful purpose. For that reason, as elsewhere According to the Bureau's *Crime Classification Manual* explained, this book follows the definition of "serial (1992), there are six kinds of murder: single, double, murder" published by the National Institute of Justice triple, mass, spree, and serial. The first three are self-in 1988, and disregards the "spree murder" classifica-explanatory, based on the number of victims killed at tion as superfluous.

one time and place, while "MASS MURDER" involves the *See also* HISTORY OF SERIAL MURDER

death of four or more victims. "SERIAL MURDER" logically involves the killing of successive victims over time—that is, *in series*—but FBI publicists could not **SPREITZER, Edward**

See "CHICAGO RIPPERS"

resist adding a sixth category, which remains the topic of endless debate.

As defined by the Bureau, spree murder involves "a **STANIAK, Lucian**

single event with two or more locations and no emo-As a young man in Warsaw, Staniak lost his parents and tional cooling-off period between murders." The sister in a tragic automobile accident. The driver example cited is that of Howard Unruh, who in 1949

responsible—a young Polish Air Force captain's wife—

killed 13 victims in the space of 20 minutes, ambling was cleared of criminal responsibility, but Staniak through his neighborhood in Camden, New Jersey, remained obsessed with "justice" in the case, and over shooting passers-by at random. Most criminologists time he hatched a scheme to

punish young blond regard Unruh as a *mass* murderer, based on the short women everywhere in Poland. He launched his cam-time span and number of victims, but the FBI dis-paign in 1964 with a letter to the Polish state newspa-agrees—illogically, it seems—based solely on the fact of per. Writing in red ink with a peculiar style that earned his mobility.

him the nickname of the “Red Spider,” Staniak warned: Unfortunately, the FBI has not defined the requisite

“There is no happiness without tears, no life without distance between murder scenes that shifts a bloodbath death. Beware! I am going to make you cry.”

from mass to spree murder. Is it enough to have the killer Employed as a translator for the official state pub-run next door, or must he go around the block? Like-lishing house, Staniak traveled widely in his profession, wise, the elusive cooling-off period remains undefined chalking up an estimated 20 female victims in the next and wholly subjective. How long must a slayer cool off two years. The first, a 17-year-old student, was raped between murders to graduate from spree to serial killing?

and mutilated at Olsztyn on the anniversary of Polish One author proposes a minimum of 30 days between liberation from Nazi occupation. The next day, one of murders, without regard to the individual killer’s state of Staniak’s trademark letters declared, “I picked a juicy mind, but such arbitrary deadlines are clearly absurd.

flower in Olsztyn and I shall do it again somewhere Our difficulty is further compounded when FBI

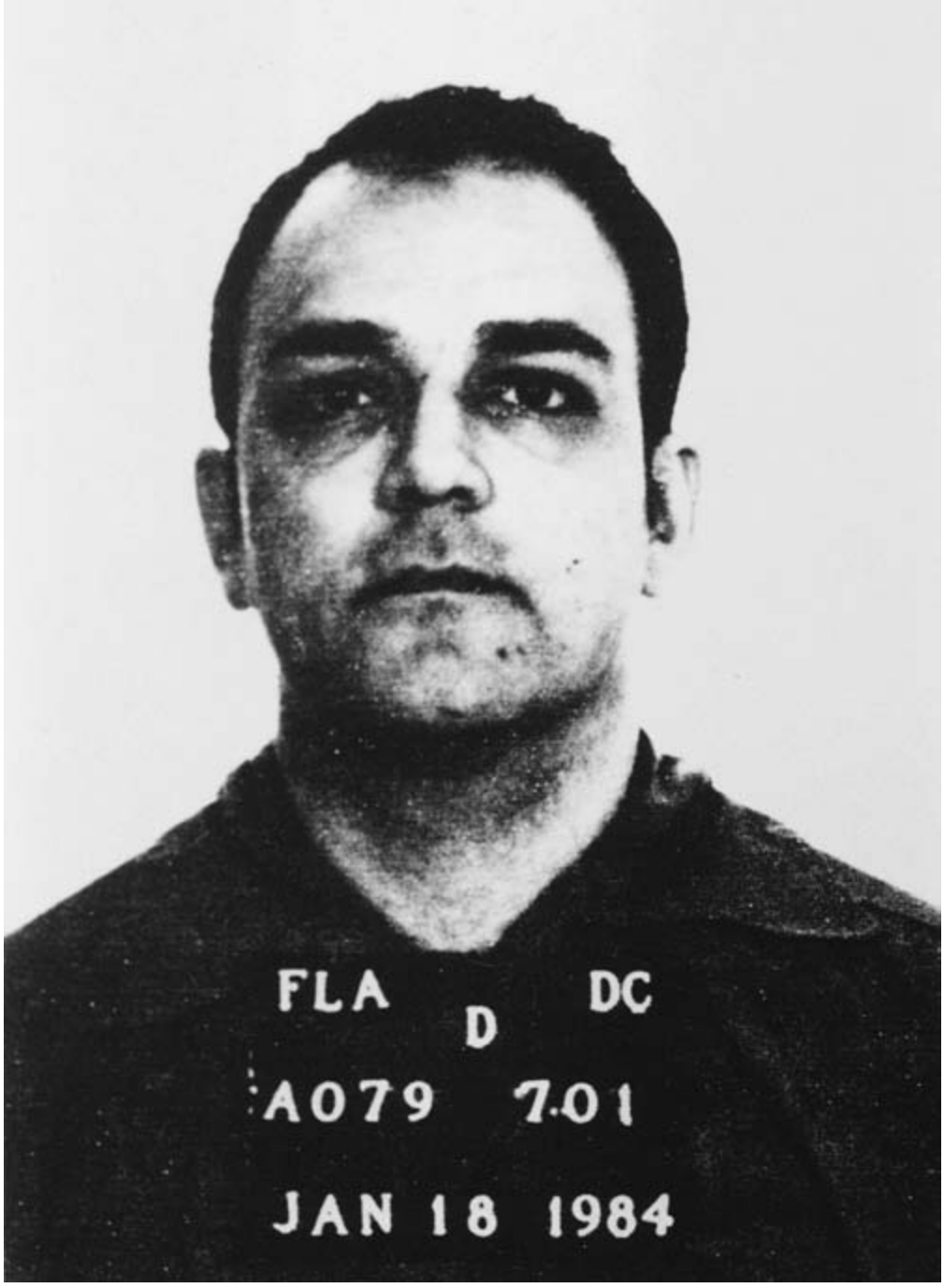
else, for there is no holiday without a funeral.”

Agents ROBERT RESSLER and JOHN DOUGLAS state in His next holiday victim was a blond 16-year-old who their book *Sexual Homicide* (1988) that a bona fide ser-marched at the head of a student’s parade on the day ial killer may switch to spree murders—and, presum-she died. An anonymous letter directed police to the ably, back again—depending on his mood. They cite the body—ravaged, with a spike run through the genitals—

case of CHRISTOPHER WILDER, acknowledged by the FBI in a factory basement not far from her home.

as a serial killer in Florida before he was publicly identiOn All Saints’ Day, Staniak murdered a blond hotel fied in 1984, at which point he “went on a long-term receptionist, mutilating her body with a screwdriver. Next

killing spree throughout the country," ultimately dying day, he wrote the press that "Only tears of sorrow can **248**



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wash out the stain of shame; only pangs of suffering can blot out the fires of lust." On May Day 1966, he raped and disemboweled a 17-year-old, dumping her body in a toolshed behind her home. Police were looking into

other cases when the killer left another victim raped and mutilated on a train that Christmas Eve. His letter to the press was simple and direct: “I have done it again.”

An artist of sorts, Staniak was finally traced by police in 1967 after he slaughtered a fellow member of the Art Lovers Club. Police became suspicious when they viewed his paintings—mainly crimson, daubed on with a knife and focusing on scenes of mutilation—and they found that Staniak’s itinerary for the past two years precisely coincided with the string of unsolved crimes. Arrested on the way home from his final murder, committed in a peevish bid for more publicity, Staniak readily confessed to 20 slayings and was sent to an asylum in Katowice for life.

STANO, Gerald Eugene

A native of Daytona Beach, Florida, born in 1951 and adopted as an infant, Stano suffered persistent learning and “adjustment” problems in his early school years, complicated by a lack of coordination that resulted in frequent falls. After several years in a Virginia military academy, he graduated from high school in Daytona Beach and went to work at his adoptive father’s gas station, also holding jobs as a cook and waiter on the side.

Gerald Stano (Author’s collection)

He met a lot of women, but they universally rejected him, increasing Stano’s deep resentment toward a world of “bitches.” Sometimes they laughed at him, but Stano also recalled that some “pulled my hair” or “threw beer Stano launched into a marathon confession, directing bottles at me.” Years later, after killing 41 women, Florida police to the buried remains of 24 identifiable Stano would confide to homicide detectives that “I hate victims and two skeletal “Jane Does.” By December a bitchy chick.”

1983, Stano had provided details of 41 murders, According to his own confession, Stano claimed his though none of the cases from Pennsylvania or New first two victims in New Jersey during 1969. He drifted Jersey were ever prosecuted. Even in Florida, with 27

into Pennsylvania in the early 1970s and murdered a corpses recovered, Stano faced trial in only a handful half-dozen women there before returning to his native of cases. Life sentences were meted out for the murders Florida, launching a one-man crime wave that would of 17-year-old Barbara Bauer, kidnapped from Smyrna claim another 33 lives between 1973 and 1980.

Beach and killed on September 6, 1973; 24-year-old Devoted to the hunt, Stano preyed chiefly on prosti-Nancy Heard, found dead near Ormond Beach on Jan-tutes and hitchhikers, though one of his victims would uary 3, 1975; 20-year-old Mary Maher, a coed stabbed be a high school cheerleader. They ranged in age from to death in Daytona Beach on January 10, 1980; and 13 to the mid-30s, dispatched by means of gunshots, 26-year-old Toni Van Haddocks, found at Holly Hill knives, and strangulation. None were apparently on February 15, 1980, with 51 stab wounds. Separate raped, and state psychiatrists concluded that Stano death sentences were imposed on Stano for the mur-drew his basic satisfaction from the simple act of murders of 17-year-old Cathy Scharf, abducted from Port der. As one detective summed the killer up, “He thinks Orange and killed on December 17, 1973; 24-year-old about three things: stereo systems, cars, and killing Susan Bickrest, strangled and drowned in Spruce Creek women.”

on December 29, 1975; and 23-year-old Mary Mul-Arrested in April 1980 after an intended victim doon, shot and drowned at New Smyrna Beach on

managed to escape his clutches in Daytona Beach, November 12, 1977.

SUDDEN Infant Death Syndrome as Cover for Serial Murder Stano came within moments of execution on July 2, victed of murder in 1984; even then, a sympathetic jury 1986, before an appellate court granted him an indefi-recommended the minimum 10-year sentence. In 1994, nite stay. He continued to play the legal system like a Illinois resident Gail Savage pleaded guilty to smother-master until his luck ran out 12 years later, finally keeping three of her children, and Debra Gedzius Fornuto—

ing his date with “Old Sparky” on March 23, 1998.

suspected of killing six children and her husband One of the investigators active on his case, Detective between 1972 and 1989—escaped prosecution thanks John Carlton, witnessed Stano’s execution and later to confusion of “expert” opinions on SIDS. (Fornuto told the press, “It wasn’t traumatic for me to see some-died in a Las Vegas car crash on July 8, 2002, leaving one who had killed forty-one people put to death. What the mystery forever unsolved.)

was traumatic for me was that we had to wait from the Today, most pediatricians dismiss the notion of time of his arrest in 1980 to 1998, for his execution.”

“hereditary” SIDS, agreeing with San Antonio medical examiner Vincent Di Maio that “two SIDS deaths [in one family] is improbable, but three is impossible.”

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Serial Murder

Even so, at this writing only 10 states routinely autopsy all alleged SIDS victims. Too many hospitals and prose-A catchall label for the otherwise inexplicable deaths of cutors still apply what Di Maio calls the Three-Baby babies (also known as “cot death” in Britain), sudden Rule. “You wait until they kill the third kid,” he infant death syndrome (SIDS) has apparently provided explains, before exhumations and court-ordered autop-a convenient cover for those serial-killing parents who sies begin. Even then, there may be no conclusive evi-murder their own children, either for profit (as from life dence of homicide, with “gentle” suffocation the insurance) or some morbid compulsion to kill. An aver-method of choice among serial baby-killers. Yet another age 7,000 to 8,000 babies die from SIDS in the United problem with some physicians is the application of States each year with no symptoms of any recognizable SIDS diagnoses to unexplained deaths of children age illness, and while such deaths have been routinely two years and older. Majority opinion now concurs ignored for decades, authorities now believe that as that SIDS should *never* be listed as a cause of death for many as 20 percent of alleged SIDS victims may in fact children more than 12 months old.

have been murdered by parents or other caretakers.

Analysis of SIDS cases in Britain, where they are Ironically, it was a 1972 article on SIDS itself, pub-known as “cot deaths,” created a furor in January lished in the medical journal *Pediatrics*, which 2004, with the announcement that a legal review of 258

prompted the reversal opinion among physicians and infant deaths without apparent cause would be severely law enforcement officers. The article’s author, Dr.

curtailed. That decision emerged from the case of defen-Alfred Steinschneider—later president of the Sudden dant Angela Cannings, whose murder conviction was Infant Death Syndrome Institute in Atlanta—profiled overturned on appeal. Britain’s Appeal Court ruled on one anonymous family with five children lost to SIDS, January 19 that medical study of SIDS was “still at the using the case to support his theory that a genetic defect frontiers of knowledge,” dictating that in cases where may

produce prolonged apnea (disruption of an infant's trial depended "almost exclusively on a serious dis-breathing during sleep), and so cause death. District agreement between distinguished and reputable experts, Attorney William Fitzpatrick of Onondaga, New York, it will often be unwise, and therefore unsafe, to pro-read the article in 1986 as background material for an ceed." The Cannings decision followed a 2003 appel-unrelated infanticide case and instantly suspected foul late decision reversing Sally Clarke's conviction for play in the family identified only as "H." Years of killing two young sons, and the acquittal of pharmacist detective work in public records finally identified Trupti Patel on charges that she murdered three infants.

Waneta Hoyt, a Berkshire, New York, housewife con-See also "BLACK WIDOWS"; MUNCHAUSEN'S SYN-victed in 1995 of murdering five babies and sentenced DROME BY PROXY

to a prison term of 75 years to life.

Hoyt's case, sadly, is far from unique. Another New Yorker, MARYBETH TINNING, is suspected of killing eight **SURADJI, Ahmad**

children, but was convicted on one murder count.

An Indonesian cattle breeder and self-styled sorcerer, Diana Lumbrera lost seven children before authorities Ahmad Suradji was 36 years old in 1986 when his late intervened; she now stands convicted of murdering two, father appeared to him in a dream, commanding him to in Texas and Kansas. MARTHA WOODS also lost seven increase his occult powers by killing 70 women in black infants before she was sentenced to life on one count of magic rituals. According to his later confessions, first-degree murder in Maryland. DEBRA SUE TUGGLE

Suradji—aka Nasib Kelawang or Datuk Mariniggi—

claimed at least five tiny victims before she was con-wasted no time in following the old man's orders.

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SUTCLIFFE, Peter William

It was easy enough to find victims, since local responsible for other unsolved murders on the Euro-women often visited his home outside Medan, the capi-pean continent.

tal of North Sumatra, to purchase love charms and sim-The roots of Sutcliffe's homicidal rage are difficult to ilar items. Each sacrifice followed the same pattern: trace. His family appears to have been torn by dark sus-

after charging his victim a fee that ranged from $200 to picions on his father’s part of infidelity by Peter’s $400, Suradji led the unsuspecting female to a nearby mother, and the boy’s opinion of all women may have sugar plantation, where he dug a hole and buried her suffered in an atmosphere of brooding doubt. As a up to the waist, supposedly as part of a ritual designed young man, he found employment with a local mortu-to ensure her lover’s fidelity. Once the victim was effec-ary and was prone to “borrow” jewelry from the tively immobilized, Suradji then strangled her with an corpses; in his comments, easily dismissed as “jokes” by electric cord, drank the victim’s saliva, stripped the coworkers at the time, there is a hint of budding corpse, and buried it with the head pointed toward his necrophilia, more disturbing than the strain of larceny.

home to channel the spirit’s mystical powers. If all else A favorite outing for the would-be Ripper was a local failed and willing customers ran short, Suradji would wax museum, where he lingered by the hour over torsos hire prostitutes and murder them instead.

that depicted the results of gross venereal disease.

Suradji was still short of his 70-victim goal on April Before his marriage, Sutcliffe frequently expressed his 28, 1997, when three bodies were found on the planta-fears of having caught “a dose” from contact with the tion and police arrested him for questioning. In custody, prostitutes of Leeds and Birmingham.

he initially confessed to killing 16 victims over the past Sutcliffe’s first attacks on women, in July and August five years, but a search of his home turned up clothing 1975, were unsuccessful in that both his victims managed and personal items linked to 25 missing women, and to survive the crushing blows of hammers to their skulls Suradji finally confessed to a total of 42 murders span-and the slashes he inflicted on their torsos after they were ning 11 years. His three wives, all sisters, were jailed as down. October was a better month for Peter: on the 29th accomplices, but two were later released, with only the he slaughtered prostitute Wilma McCann in Leeds and oldest—38-year-old Tumini—charged after confessing thus officially began the Ripper’s reign of terror.

her role in the crimes.

There seemed to be no schedule for his crimes. On Police unearthed 40 corpses on the plantation, vic-January 20, 1976, housewife/hooker Emily Jackson tims ranging in age from 12 to 30 years, and while was bludgeoned

to death in Leeds, her prostrate body some 80 local families had reported missing females bearing 50 stab wounds. Sutcliffe did not strike again during the span of Suradji's rampage, Ahmad and for 13 months, attacking Irene Richardson, another Tumini were charged with only 42 counts of murder prostitute, again in Leeds. He move to Bradford for the when their trial began on December 21, 1997. By that April butchery of Tina Atkinson, another prostitute, time, both defendants had recanted their confessions, found murdered in her own apartment, mutilated after claiming they were tortured by police, but no denials death.

could explain the corpses unearthed near Suradji's On June 16, the Ripper struck again, but his selec-home. On April 27, 1998, Suradji was convicted and tion of a victim made the slaying different, more sentenced to death by firing squad. Tumini was also appalling to the populace at large. At 16 years of age, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Suradji's Jane MacDonald was an "innocent," the perfect girl lawyers have announced that they will appeal his con-next door, cut down while strolling to a relative's house, viction.

almost within sight of home. Her murder put the Ripper on a different plane, immediately serving notice that no girl or woman in the northern counties was safe.

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Maureen Long was assaulted on the streets of Brad-A long-haul trucker and "harlot killer" who proved ford in July, but she survived the blows that Sutcliffe rather indiscriminate in choosing victims was Great rained upon her skull. In October, he crossed the Pen-Britain's "Yorkshire Ripper," Peter Sutcliffe. While nines to murder Jean Jordan in Manchester, crushing residing in apparent harmony with his beloved wife—

her skull with 11 hammer strokes, stabbing her 24

herself a diagnosed schizophrenic who spent time in times after death. When she had not been found within institutions—Sutcliffe waged a five-year war against the a week, he would return to move the body and slash it female population of England's northern counties. With further, making its location more apparent to police.

his ball-peen hammer, chisel, and assorted other imple-In January 1978, Sutcliffe killed a prostitute named ments of slaughter, Sutcliffe claimed a minimum of 13

Helen Rytka in the town of Huddersfield. In April victims killed and seven wounded. In addition to the 1979, another “innocent,” 19-year-old Josephine Whit-documented body count, he is believed by some to be taker, was butchered in Halifax. A civil servant, Mar-251

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guerite Walls, was murdered at Pudsley in August, and imprisonment for 13 homicides and various assaults.

12 days later Sutcliffe slaughtered coed Barbara Leach, (Author David Yallop, in *Deliver Us from Evil* [1982], in Bradford.

links the Ripper to four additional murders and seven In the middle of their manhunt, homicide investiga-nonfatal assaults, including crimes in France and Swe-tors were bedeviled by a mocking tape and several letters den.) From the cab of Sutcliffe’s truck, detectives had from “the Ripper.” Later, with their man in custody, they retrieved a written statement that appeared to summa-learned that all were hoaxes, perpetrated by another rize the Ripper’s twisted view of life:

twisted mind that found vicarious release in toying with detective. Countless hours were wasted by police and In this truck is a man whose latent genius, if unleashed, independent searchers, looking for a man whose pen-would rock the nation, whose dynamic energy would manship and accent bore no smallest similarity to Sut-overpower those around him. Better let him sleep?

cliffe’s own. The charlatan responsible—suspected in two unrelated homicides—remains at large today.

Shortly after his conviction, Sutcliffe was examined The Ripper had two more near misses in October by prison psychiatrists and pronounced insane, where-and November, wounding victims in the towns of Leeds upon he was transferred to Broadmoor Hospital. On and Huddersfield. Both would survive their wounds, March 10, 1997, he was attacked by another homicidal and Sutcliffe took a year’s vacation prior to killing coed inmate and stabbed in both eyes. Emergency surgery Jacqueline Hill at Leeds in November 1980. The latest saved the sight in his right eye, but Sutcliffe was perma-victim’s mutilations were familiar to police, but Sutcliffe nently blinded in the left. Public outrage erupted in also stabbed her in the eye, unsettled by the corpse’s April 1999, with tabloid revelations that authorities

“reproachful stare.”

planned to let Sutcliffe visit his dying father, and the On January 2, 1981, police arrested Sutcliffe with a mercy excursion was promptly canceled. In November prostitute in one of several areas that had been subject 2002, Yorkshire police announced preparation of new to surveillance through the manhunt. Even so, they charges against Sutcliffe, on the chance that he someday almost let him slip the net by stepping out of sight to requested parole, but the Ripper showed no desire for urinate behind some shrubbery, there dropping the freedom. In April 30, 2003, members of parliament incriminating weapons he carried beneath his jacket. At from Leeds alleged that Sutcliffe had deceived psychia-the station, Sutcliffe finally broke down, confessing trists and they requested his transfer from Broadmoor everything. Detectives noted that their subject seemed hospital to a normal maximum-security prison. No relieved to have it all behind him. So he seemed, as well, action had been taken on that effort when this volume to spectators in court when he received a term of life went to press.

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TEAM Killers: Serial murder by groups

that is, political, religious, and socioeconomic. (The Contrary to popular belief, serial killers are not always Bureau further subdivides extremist murders by a group loners, brooding in seclusion between their violent out-into *paramilitary* and *hostage* killings.) No apparent bursts. In fact, some 13 percent of American cases distinction is made in the FBI manual between cult mur-involve multiple killers. Of those, 56 percent find two ders and those committed by a religious extremist killers working together, while the remaining 44 percent group, which also fits the basic definition of a “cult.”

include groups ranging in size from three slayers to a The so-called ZEBRA MURDERS, for example, were com-dozen or more.

mitted by members of a Black Muslim splinter group Demographically, male paris (like killing cousins that aimed to exterminate “white devils,” thus making KENNETH BIANCHI and ANGELO BUONO) are the most the crimes both religious *and* racial in motive. Finally, common team slayers, representing 30 percent of the group-excitement murders—vaguely defined by the FBI American total. Male-female couples, typified by GERas a case involving “two or more persons who cause the ALD and CHARLENE GALLEGO account for another 25

death of an individual”—apparently result form some percent, with the male partner generally (sometimes emotional and chaotic confrontation. A case in point is inaccurately) presumed to be dominant. All-male “wolf the murder of a member of the Hebrew Israelites (a packs,” ranging in number from three to a half-dozen black cult that is not connected in any way to Israel or members, represent 10 percent of America’s identified Judaism) in Florida, beaten to death by fellow cultists team killers. Larger groups, particularly cults like the after accusations of “heresy.”

MANSON “FAMILY,” sometimes find male and female A glaring omission from the FBI’s list of group killers cooperating toward a common goal, however homicide motives is any reference to *criminal enter-bizarre. The rarest grouping of killers is found in the prise murders. Despite the manual’s inclusion of indi-all-female team, ranging in size from occasional couples vidual gang-motivated murders, contract killings and (e.g., GWENDOLYN GRAHAM and CATHERINE WOOD) to murders spawned by criminal competition, the Bureau larger groups like the Austrian “ANGELS OF DEATH” or strangely makes no allowance for financial motives in Hungary’s “ANGEL MAKERS OF NAGYREV.”*

group-caused homicides. This oversight is all the more The FBI’s Crime Classification Manual (1992) recog-surprising since contract murders, by definition, nizes three types of “group cause homicide,” including involve at least two parties, while the vast majority of cult, extremist, and group-excitement murders. CULT

gang- and drug-related murders involve organized killers sometimes prey on strangers, as in the case of the groups. There is also well-established evidence of

“CHICAGO RIPPERS” but may also turn upon their own, group involvement in insurance/inheritance-related as seen in several of the Manson murders. Extremist murders (e.g., the BOLBER-PETRILLO-FAVATO MURDER

homicides, according to the FBI, break down into the RING) and in sexual or sadistic crimes (e.g., the Gal-same general MOTIVES as those of individual murders—

lego case and others). In short, any motive capable of ***253***

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driving one person to kill may also be shared by a With Bobbie Sue in charge, the late-night “graveyard group.

shift" soon lived up to its sinister nickname. Aggie Marsh, age 97, was the first to die, on November 13, 1984. Advanced age made her death seem common-TERRELL, Bobbie Sue

place, but questions were raised a few days later, when A native of tiny Woodlawn, Illinois, the future "Death 94-year-old Anna Larson nearly died from an insulin Angel" of Florida grew up overweight, myopic, and overdose. The riddle: Mrs. Larson wasn't diabetic, and painfully shy. Her seven siblings included four brothers insulin was kept in a locked cabinet with Nurse Dudley afflicted with muscular dystrophy, two of whom would holding the only key. Despite this, the matter was not die from the disease before Bobbie Sue reached her mid-seriously investigated.

thirties. Above-average grades in school were countered The grim toll continued. On November 23, 85-year-by an outspoken religious fervor that amused or embar-old Leathy McKnight died from an insulin overdose on rassed Bobbie's classmates. Only in church did she Dudley's shift; the same night, an unexplained fire broke shine, playing the organ for Sunday services and dis-out in a linen closet, with arson suspected. Two more playing a fine singing voice.

patients, 79-year-old Mary Cartwright and 85-year-old Graduating high school in 1973, Bobbie Sue was Stella Bradham, died on the night of November 25. The doubtless influenced by family illness in her choice of a next day, a Monday dubbed The Holocaust by worried nursing career. By 1976, she was a registered nurse, staffers, five more patients died in quick succession.

ready to take her place in the medical community. Mar-Matters went from bad to worse after that, including ried to Danny Dudley a short time later, Bobbie was an anonymous call to the rest home, a woman's voice despondent at learning she could not bear children. The whispering that five patients had been murdered in their couple adopted a son, but their marriage collapsed beds. Police were called to North Horizon in the when the boy was hospitalized for a drug overdose.

predawn hours of November 27, finding Nurse Dudley Dudley accused his wife of feeding the boy tranquilizers with a stab wound in her side. Bobbie Sue blamed a prescribed for her own schizophrenia, a charge that led prowler for the assault, and detectives were further con-to Bobbie being stripped of custody in the divorce.

cerned by reports of 12 patient deaths in the past 13

Alone again, Bobbie Sue's health and mental state days.

swiftly declined. She was hospitalized five times in short A full-scale investigation was launched, leading to order—for fibroid stomach tumors, for a hysterectomy Bobbie Sue's December dismissal "for the good of the and removal of her ovaries, for surgery on a broken facility." When she filed a $22,000 claim for workman's arm that failed to heal properly, for gall bladder prob-compensation based on her stabbing, the hospital coun-lems, for ulcers and pneumonia. Bobbie voluntarily tered with psychiatric reports branding Dudley a "bor-committed herself to a state mental hospital, spending derline schizophrenic" who suffered from Munchausen's more than a year under psychiatric treatment. On Syndrome (a mental condition characterized by false release, she held several short-term nursing jobs before claims of illness and self-inflicted wounds). Reports of she was hired to work at Hillview Manor, a rest home Bobbie's Illinois self-mutilations were obtained, and her in Greenville, Illinois.

claim was rejected.

It wasn't long before the staff at Hillview Manor On January 31, 1985, Dudley entered a Pinellas started to record bizarre events surrounding Bobbie County hospital for medical and psychiatric treatment.

Sue. She fainted frequently on duty without apparent By that time she was already a prime suspect in several cause, and twice she intentionally slashed her own deaths at North Horizon, and detectives had obtained vagina with scissors. The second wound required emer-exhumation orders for nine patients—including bodies gency surgery at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis where buried in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Bobbie Bobbie told a counselor she stabbed herself in rage and Sue was still hospitalized on February 12 when frustration over her infertility.

Florida's Department of Professional Regulation issued Discharged from her job at the rest home, Bobbie an emergency order suspending her nurse's license. DPR

Sue moved to St. Petersburg in July 1984, obtaining a spokesmen further asked the state's Board of Nursing Florida nursing license that August. Drifting from job for a permanent revocation order, calling Dudley "an to job in the Tampa Bay area, she was still dogged by immediate, serious danger to the public health, safety, mysterious ailments, including a bout of rectal bleeding and welfare."

that led to an emergency colostomy. In spite of every-Bobbie Sue demanded a formal hearing, and while thing, October found her employed as a shift supervisor waiting for her day in court she married 38-year-old at St. Petersburg's North Horizon Health Center, Ron Terrell, a plumber from Tampa. Matrimony failed assigned to work from 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.

to do the trick where Bobbie's mental problems were ***254***

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concerned, and she soon found herself in another psy-ing the case under the umbrella of SUDDEN INFANT

cho ward, this time committed against her will. She was DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS). On September 2, 1975,

still inside when the Board of Nursing announced a Nathan Tinning died at the age of five months, an five-year suspension of her license, with reinstatement autopsy blaming his case on "pulmonary edema." SIDS

conditional upon successful psychiatric treatment.

was the culprit again on February 2, 1979, when Mary Licensing became the least of Bobbie's problems on Tinning died six months short of her third birthday, but March 17, when she was formally charged with

no cause was ever determined in the death of three-attempting to murder Ann Larson in November 1984.

month-old Jonathan, on March 24, 1980. Three-year-old Arresting officers found the Terrells living in a roadside Michael Tinning was still in the process of being adopted tent, recently evicted from their small apartment, but a when he was rushed to St. Clare's Hospital on August 2, search of the former residence turned up sufficient evi-1981. Physicians could not save his life, and while they dence to support indictments on four counts of first-viewed his passing with a "high level of suspicion," the degree murder. Bobbie Sue was held without bond cause of death was listed as bronchial pneumonia.

pending trial in the deaths of Aggie Marsh, Leathy The real questions began on December 20, 1985, McKnight, Stella Bradham, and Mary Cartwright.

when three-month-old Tammi Lynne Tinning was found The trial was scheduled to begin on October 20, unconscious in bed, blood staining her pillow. Rushed to 1985, but legal maneuvers and psychiatric tests repeat-St. Clare's Hospital, she was beyond help, and while doc-edly postponed the starting date. At last, in February tors ascribed her death to SIDS, they also

telephoned the 1988, Bobbie Sue pled guilty to reduced charges of sec-state police. An investigation led to Marybeth Tinning's ond-degree murder and was sentenced to a term of 60

arrest on February 4, 1986, after she confessed to press-years imprisonment.

ing a pillow over Tammi Lynne's face when the child See also MEDICAL MURDERS

"fussed and cried." In custody, she also confessed to murdering Timothy and Nathan but staunchly denied killing any of the others. "I smothered them with a pillow," she ***TINNING, Marybeth Roe***

told detectives, "because I'm not a good mother."

For a devoted mother, Marybeth Tinning seemed to In fact, psychiatrists decided, the problem ran deeper have no luck at all raising children. In the 13 years from than that. Marybeth Tinning was diagnosed as suffering 1972 to 1985, she lost nine infants in Schenectady, New from a condition called MUNCHAUSEN'S SYNDROME BY

York. Police would later charge that eight of those were PROXY, in which those responsible for the care of chil-slain deliberately for MOTIVES so bizarre they challenge dren, invalids, and the like sometimes seek attention by credibility.

harming their charges. Friends and relatives recalled The first to go was daughter Jennifer, a mere eight Marybeth preening at funerals, basking in the spotlight days old when she died on January 3, 1972. An autopsy of sympathy, playing her role of grieving mother to hilt.

listed the cause of death as acute meningitis, and since It was suggested that the outpouring of condolence fol-the baby never left St. Clare's Hospital after her birth, lowing her first baby's death in 1972 had become addic-authorities consider her death the only case above sustive, driving Marybeth to kill one child after another in picion. We may never know what emotional shock pursuit of the sympathy "fixes" she craved.

waves were triggered in Marybeth Tinning's mind by On July 17, 1987, Tinning was convicted of second-the death of her newborn daughter, but more of their degree murder in Tammi Lynne's death, jurors acquit-children soon joined the casualty list.

ting her of "deliberately" killing the child, blaming her Less than three weeks later, on January 20, two-year-for a lesser degree of homicide through her "depraved old Joseph Tinning Jr. was pronounced dead on

arrival indifference to human life." It was a compromise ver-at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady. Doctors blamed his dict—more sympathy for Marybeth—but it carried a death on a viral infection and "seizure disorder," but no prison sentence of 20 years to life. Husband Joseph Tin-autopsy was performed to verify those findings. Four-ning seemed bewildered by the whole affair. In newspa-year-old Barbara Tinning died six weeks later, on per interviews, he admitted occasional suspicion of his March 20, and autopsy surgeons, lacking an obvious wife but had managed to push it aside. "You have to cause of death, attributed her passing to "cardiac trust your wife," he said. "She has her things to do, and arrest." Barbara's death as the first reported to police, as long as she gets them done, you don't ask questions."

but officers closed their file on the case after a brief consultation with hospital physicians.

And the deaths continued.

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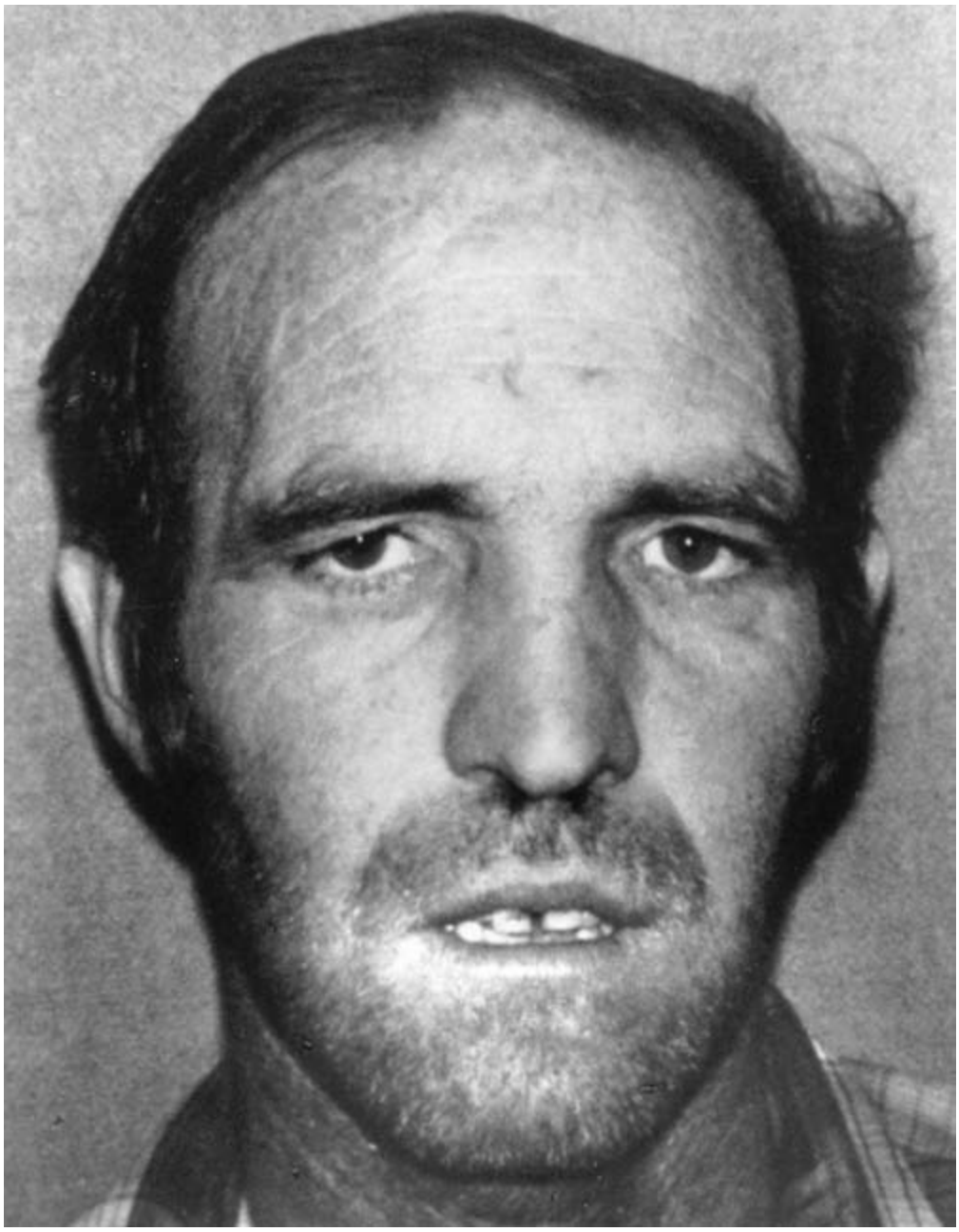
When two-week-old Timothy died at Ellis Hospital, A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Toole was born on doctors were once more unable to determine a cause, list-March 5, 1947. His alcoholic father soon took off for ***255***



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parts unknown, leaving Toole in the care of a religious old pickup truck. Acquaintances thought nothing of it, fanatic mother and a sister who dressed him in girl's but later evidence suggests he may have claimed at least clothes "to play." Toole's confusion was exacerbated by four victims in a six-month period.

his grandmother, an alleged Satanist, who branded Police suspect Toole in the death of 24-year-old Patri-Ottis "the devil's child" and sometimes took him on the cia Webb, shot in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 18, 1974.

graveyard runs that yielded human body parts for use Five months later, on September 19, a lone gunman in "magic" charms. Toole ran away from home repeat-invaded a massage parlor in Colorado Springs; employee edly but always drifted back again. He suffered from Yon Lee was stabbed, her throat slashed, before the seizures and derived satisfaction from torching vacant attacker moved on to rape, shoot, and stab coworker houses in his neighborhood. Questioned later about his Sun Ok Cousin. Both women were set on fire, but Lee choice of targets, Toole replied, "I just hated to see survived to describe her assailant as clean-shaven, six feet them standing there."

two, and 195 pounds, driving a white pickup truck.

By his own admission, Toole committed his first Police, for reasons yet unclear, arrested—and ultimately murder at age 14. The victim, a traveling salesman, convicted—Park Estep, a mustachioed soldier who stood picked him up outside town and drove him into the five feet ten, tipped the scales at a mere 150 pounds, and woods for sex. Afterward, Toole "got nervous" and ran owned a red pickup truck. Meanwhile, on October 10, the man down with his own car.

31-year-old Ellen Holman was abducted from Pueblo, Classified as retarded with an IQ of 75, Toole Colorado, shot three times in the head, and dumped near dropped out of school in the eighth grade. His first the Oklahoma border. Homicide investigators now arrest, for loitering, was logged in August 1964, and believe Toole also pulled the trigger in that crime.

others followed, building up a rap sheet filled with Two years later, Toole met killer HENRY LUCAS at a counts of petty theft and lewd behavior. He married Jacksonville soup kitchen, taking him home for a night briefly, but his bride departed after three days' time, of drinking, conversation, and sex. The men had much repulsed by Toole's overt homosexuality. By 1974, in common, sharing memories of murder, looking for-Toole was drifting and touring the western states in an ward to a time when they might hunt together. By 1983, according to police, they had traversed the continent together several times, annihilating random victims at a dizzying pace.

On January 14, 1977, Toole startled relatives by marrying a woman 24 years his senior. The relationship was curious from day one, and Novella Toole soon found herself sharing Ottis with Henry Lucas and other

strangers. “A few nights after we were married,” she said, “he told me he got nervous a lot, especially if he couldn’t get a man. He’d get angry, he said, and then he couldn’t get excited with a women.” They were separated by 1978, Lucas and Toole moving in with Toole’s mother, sharing quarters with sister Drusilla Powell and her children, Frank and Frieda.

The homicidal soul mates found work with a Jacksonville roofing company, Southeast Color Coat, but office manager Eileen Knight recalls that they disappeared frequently, sometimes for weeks at a stretch.

“Ottis would come and go,” she told Jacksonville newsmen. “We’d hire him whenever he came back because he was a good worker.” Toole’s landlord, Betty Goodyear, said of Ottis and Henry, “They went out of town, always disappearing. All [Toole] cared about was that old car. I think they were using it for robbing people because they always seemed to have a lot of money.” Along the way, Toole allegedly introduced Lucas to a satanic cult, the “Hand of Death,” that kidnapped children, practiced human sacrifice, and Ottis Toole (Author’ collection)

cranked out snuff films on a secret ranch in Mexico.

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Toole’s mother died in May 1981, following surgery, Estep was later released—on his first paroled bid—

and the loss hit him hard. Ottis haunted the cemetery, though his name was not formally cleared. The curious sometimes at night, stretching out on the ground by her display of mercy by Colorado’s parole board convinced grave, supposedly feeling the earth move beneath him.

some observers that the state accepted Toole’s guilt but A short time later, sister Drusilla died of a drug over-refused to publicly acknowledge a mistake.)

dose, considered a probable suicide, and her children On April 28, 1984, Toole was convicted in Jack-were packed off to juvenile homes. Alone for once with sonville of setting the fire that killed 64-year-old George Lucas off on his own or in jail, Toole brooded, drinking Sonnenberg in January 1982. Sentenced to death for heavily and popping pills. It was around this time—on that crime, he was indicted one month later for the July 27—that six-year-old Adam Walsh disappeared murder of 19-year-old Ada Johnson in Tallahassee, dur-from a Hollywood, Florida, shopping mall, and his sev-ing February 1983. Conviction on that charge brought

ered head was later recovered from a Vero Beach canal a second death sentence, but both were commuted to on August 10.

life imprisonment on appeal. In 1991, Toole pled guilty Lucas returned in October, discharged from a Mary-to four more slayings in Florida, receiving a superfluous land jail, and together the men contrived Frieda Pow-quartet of new life sentences. Police in Hollywood, ell's escape from a Polk County juvenile home. By Florida, were reviewing the Adam Walsh case when January 1982, authorities were looking for the girl in Toole died of cirrhosis in September 1996, and authori-Jacksonville, and she fled westward with Lucas, They ties were embarrassed to learn that all traces of critical were gone two days before Toole learned of their depar-DNA evidence had vanished from their files. The case ture, and he lapsed into "a world of his own," pacing remains officially unsolved, though Adam's parents the floor and muttering over Henry's betrayal. He wan-

(and a number of police investigators) are convinced of dered to forget and killed along the way, reportedly Toole's guilt.

claiming nine victims in six states between January Ironically, Toole's name was seldom mentioned in 1982 and February 1983.

the controversy over Henry Lucas's confessions and his On May 23 and 31, 1983, two houses were burned later change of heart in April 1985. No effort has been in Toole's Jacksonville neighborhood. Teenage accom-made to challenge Toole's involvement in at least a plices fingered Toole on June 6, and he freely confessed score of homicides from coast to coast, and it is just as to setting an estimated 40 fires over the past two well, considering his dialogue with Lucas, taped by decades. Convicted of second-degree ARSON on August Texas Rangers in November 1983.

5, he drew a term of 20 years in prison.

By that time, Lucas was singing in Texas, and Toole TOOLE: Remember that one time I said I wanted me backed his partner up with more confessions. Toole's some ribs? Did that make me a cannibal?

statements "cleared" 25 murders in 11 states, and he LUCAS: You wasn't a cannibal, It's the force of the admitted participating with Lucas in another 108 homi-devil, something forced on us that we can't cides. A practicing cannibal, Toole also dropped hints *change. There's no reason denying what we*

about his interest in Satanism but stopped short of *become. We know what we are.*

naming alleged fellow cult members.

TOOLE: Remember how I liked to pour some blood On October 21, 1983, Toole confessed to the murder *out of them?*

of Adam Walsh, startling Assistant Police Chief Leroy *LUCAS: Ottis, you and I have become something peo-Hessler with details that were "grisly beyond belief." As ple look on as an animal. There's no way of Hessler told the media, "There are certain details only changing what we done, but we can stop it*

he could know. He did it. I've got details that no one and not allow other people to become what

else would know. He's got me convinced." In spite of we have. And the only way to do that is by that endorsement, officers reversed their stance a few honesty.

weeks later, issuing statements that Toole was "no longer a suspect" in the crime.

Another troubling case harked back to 1974 and the ***TRIAL of Serial Killers***

carnage in Colorado Springs. Toole confessed to the Our legal system guarantees the basic right of every massage parlor attack in September 1984, again provid-criminal, no matter how sadistic or depraved, to mount ing details of the crime, but embarrassed prosecutors a competent defense. In practice, it is only since the swiftly mounted their counterattack. After hours of 1960s, with the liberal rulings of the U.S. Supreme hostile grilling, Toole threw in the towel. "Okay," he Court under chief Justice Earl Warren, that suspect told authorities, "If you say I didn't kill her, maybe I rights have been enforced with any uniformity. Before didn't." (In a strange, unsatisfying compromise, Park that era, "third-degree" tactics were commonplace if ***257***

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not routine and clearly produced miscarriages of jus-offs, swapping reduced prison time—or complete tice, as when suspect Frank Dolezal was beaten into immunity—for a guilty plea or testimony from a crimi- confessing the crimes of Cleveland's "MAD BUTCHER OF

nal accomplice. In San Francisco, Anthony Harris faced KINGSBURY RUN."

prosecution on two murder counts when he turned Defending serial killers in court is an arduous, state's evidence against his fellow "Death

Angels" in the unpopular, and sometimes hazardous occupation.

notorious "ZEBRA" case in return for immunity. CHAR-While some defendants waive their right to an attorney, LENE GALLEGO drew a lenient 16-year sentence (and is in a few—like THEODORE BUNDY—exercise their egos now at liberty) for helping place her husband on death by defending themselves, most random slayers welcome row, while Linda Kasabian earned total immunity with the advice of counsel. Few are affluent enough to spring her testimony in the Mason murder trial.

for big-name talent, though famous attorneys some-Dramatic trials make headlines, but 90 percent of times attach themselves to a high-profile case for public-American felony cases are settled with negotiated plea ity's sake. Boston attorney F. Lee Bailey inflated his bargains, and serial murders are no exception. Few citi-reputation in the 1960s by defending serial slayers zens complain when murderers are jailed for life, but Charles Schmid and ALBERT DESALVO, while across the cries of outrage are routine when a negotiated plea continent, Melvin Belli offered his services to the elusive reduces or eliminates a first-degree murder charge,

"ZODIAC" as part of a vain effort to induce the killer's sometimes returning a compulsive killer to the street. In surrender. More often, public defenders or court-Florida, James Pough's first homicide was booked as appointed lawyers inherit such cases, and a losing ver-manslaughter and bargained down to aggravated

dict is sometimes the least of their problems. Los assault, earning Pough five years' probation; at the end Angeles attorney Ronald Hughes died mysteriously in of that term, his criminal record was expunged, allow-November 1970 shortly after quarreling with client ing Pough to purchase legally the firearms with which CHARLES MANSON, and some authorities still believe he he killed eight other victims. Nurse Mary Robaczynski was murdered by the drifter's homicidal "family." In admitted the slayings of four Maryland patients, but other cases, lawyers defending a serial killer have more prosecutors threw in the towel after a mistrial, drop-to fear from the public at large, as when New York ping all charges in return for the surrender of attorneys Frank Armani and Francis Belge were threat-Robaczynski's nursing license. In Boston, attorney F.

ened—and Belge was assaulted on the street—while Lee Bailey negotiated a classic plea bargain for strangler defending three-time killer Robert Garrow.

Albert DeSalvo, 13 counts of murder lost in the shuffle As a practical matter, few serial killers are punished as DeSalvo accepted a life term on rape and burglary for all of their crimes. Some, like JOHN GACY and JUAN

charges.

CORONA, plant their victims in close proximity, facili-Serial murder trials are often long and costly, partic-tating multiple convictions, but most are less consider-ularly in California, where lawyers pride themselves on ate of the authorities. Where evidence is weak or billing by the hour and moving with glacial speed.

nonexistent—as in many of the crimes attributed to Ted Charles Manson's first trial required a month of jury Bundy—prosecutors play their strongest hand, often selection and eight months of testimony to land four settling for one or two murder charges in lieu of 15 or defendants on death row. In the case of "Night Stalker"

20. Some jurisdictions stubbornly deny a killer's guilt RICHARD RAMIREZ, jury selection took over three for reasons best known to themselves, as in the case of months, with nearly 3,000 interviews, while another San Diego's willful blindness to the crimes of CARROLL

nine months were consumed by the trial. RANDY

COLE. In other cases, politics and economics override KRAFT's Orange County murder trial lasted 13 months, the quest for justice, prosecutors ever mindful of the costing the taxpayers more than $10 million. These fact that trials cost money and taxpayers vote. Public cases pale, however, in comparison to the Los Angeles opinion may demand indictment in a sensational case, trial of "Hillside Strangler" ANGELO BUONO, with its but if the trial runs over budget—or results in an acquit-10-month preliminary hearing and two full years of testal—every prosecutor understands the risk of backlash timony, dragging on from November 1981 through at the ballot box.

November 1983. The hands-down champion of delay Prosecution, like politics, makes for strange bedfel-and evasion, sadist CHARLES NG, was arrested by Cana-lows. Negotiations is part of the game, and a shortage dian authorities in June 1985 on suspicion of killing of physical evidence sometimes mandates unsavory bar-more than a dozen victims in northern California. He gains for testimony. Child-slayer CLIFFORD OLSON holds stalled extradition until 1991 and managed to postpone the record for

audacity, persuading the Royal Canadian his trial with a series of legal maneuvers; it finally com-Mounted Police to pay him $10,000 each for the bodies menced in September 1998, concluding with Ng's con-of 10 missing victims, but most such bargains are trade-viction in April 1999 and a death sentence in June ***258***

TROPHIES and Souvenirs Kept by Serial Killers

1999—more than 15 years after the discovery of his

"There are enough safeguards in the language [of the crimes.

statute] to protect any defendant."

Outright acquittals in cases of serial murder are rare See also CAPITAL PUNISHMENT; INCARCERATION; but not unknown. Boston attorneys scored a surprise INSANITY DEFENSE

victory for defendant Mary Kelliher in 1908, persuading jurors that six of her close relatives had absorbed lethal doses of arsenic from a "contaminated mattress"

TROPHIES and Souvenirs Kept by Serial Killers *over a three-year period. In New Jersey, Dr. Mario Jas-It has long been recognized that some killers, especially calevich was acquitted of using curare to poison six those driven by sexual or sadistic MOTIVES, retain per-patients, but adverse publicity surrounding the 12-year sonal objects taken from their victims as mementos of investigation drove him back to his native Argentina, the event. In such cases, FBI analysts distinguish where he died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1984. Los between trophies (collected by "ORGANIZED" KILLERS*

Angeles jurors acquitted VAUGHN GREENWOOD of two to commemorate a successful hunt) and souvenirs (kept murder counts in 1976, but conviction in nine other by "DISORGANIZED" KILLERS as fuel for their fantasies), cases sent him to prison for life without parole. Eight but since the items and their method of collection are years later, in another "Skid Row" case, Bobby identical, the distinction is largely semantic.

Maxwell was convicted of two murders and acquitted Items collected by serial slayers range from the mun-of three more, while a hung jury left five counts unre-dane—snapshots, a driver's license, jewelry, or some solved. A similar compromise verdict in Indiana con-article of clothing—to ghoulish and bizarre, including demned shotgun slayer Christopher Peterson in four of amputated body parts. Author Joel Norris labels such seven "identical" slayings, while acquitting him of behavior as the "totem phase" of serial

murder, wherein three. In Georgia, nurse Terri Rachals confessed three killers cling to symbols of their momentary triumph, murders and was charged with six, but her precarious hoping to prolong a satisfaction that evades them in mental state prompted jurors to acquit on most of the reality. Other slayers strive for the same result by fol-charges, finding her guilty but mentally ill on one count lowing their cases in the media, saving press clips or jot-of aggravated assault.

ting their thoughts in a diary, even revisiting crime With 50 states and countless local jurisdictions try-scenes despite the great personal risk.

ing murder cases every day, it is perhaps too much to For sheer outrageousness, no case to date can match hope for any semblance of consistency in sentencing.

ED GEIN's Wisconsin house of horrors—with skulls Since 1900, 68 percent of America's convicted serial mounted on bedposts, skinned-out faces hanging on the killers been sentenced to varying prison terms; another walls, and dangling mobiles made from female body 25 percent have been sentenced to die for their crimes, parts—but serial killers display no end of variety in and 40 percent of those condemned have actually been their selections. JEROME BRUDOS photographed his vic-executed.

tims and preserved one severed breast as a paperweight.

California, boasting more serial killers than any Cannibal Stanley Baker carried the knuckle bones of other U.S. state and most foreign countries, moved to one victim in a pouch on his belt, while Alex Mengel mitigate the cost of separate, repetitive trials in Septem-scalped a woman and wore her hair as a disguise in his ber 1998, with passage of a new "Serial Killer, Single next attempted kidnapping. Sadists LAWRENCE BIT-Trial" statute. In an age when long-winded serial mur-TAKER and Ian Brady recorded the screams of their tor-der trials cost taxpayers an average of $1.5 million per mented victims, while LEONARD LAKE and others have victim, lawmakers viewed consolidation as the fiscal preserved their crimes on videotape. In Egypt, a prolific cure. Defense attorneys loudly disagreed, complaining

"BLUE BEARD" caught in April 1920 kept the severed that the single-trial requirement imposed crushing bur-heads of 20 women in his home.

dens on lawyers and placed their clients on a fast track An interesting (if inconclusive) aspect of the FBI's to death row. "It allows district attorneys to pile on a research suggests that random shooters are more

prone lot of cases into one," said San Francisco public to certain types of follow-up behavior than are hands-on defender Jeff Brown, "and really undercuts the ability killers. Bureau analysts divided their captive subjects into to mount a defense. It's not fair." To that, state senator two groups, one for killers who used firearms exclusively, Richard Rainey replied, "Serial killers who go on brutal the other limited to slayers with a preference for sharp or killing rampages do so without consideration for blunt instruments. Eighty-two percent of the gunmen county lines. The current system is not only a waste of admitted following their cases in the press, while only 50

time and money, but it causes unnecessary pain for vic-percent of the hands-on killers were interested. Of the tims and their loved ones." As for potential errors, dis-shooters, 64 percent saved clippings about themselves trict attorney Art Danner of Santa Cruz told reporters, and 56 percent kept diaries, versus 26 percent of the ***259***

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clubbers and hackers on both questions. Twenty-one perfor treatment. The doctors there pronounced her cent of the gunmen photographed their victims, while

"cured," and she was on the street in time to bear and only 11 percent of the manual killers brought cameras kill her fourth child—Terranz Tuggle —at Malvern, along. Gunmen were also marginally more likely to Arkansas, in 1979. As far as Malvern's finest could revisit crime scenes, 44 percent to 34 percent, but no sig-determine, it was simply one more SIDS-related death.

nificant difference was seen in collection of physical tro-For all her aversion to children, Debra seemed to phies. FBI spokesmen stop short of drawing conclusions enjoy men and sex. Gravitating back to Little Rock, she from their data, but logic dictates that gunmen crave met George Paxton, 10 years her senior, on a blind date.

reaffirmation of their crimes since shooting is a more They hit it off at once, and by early 1982, Paxton had remote act, lacking the physical contact—and thus, satis-asked Tuggle to share his home. If anyone asked, she faction—of beating, stabbing, or strangling their victims was there to care for Paxton's three children, but to death.

Debra's duties were not limited to housekeeping. By the *See also MODUS OPERANDI; WEAPONS*

spring of 1983, she would herself be carrying a Paxton child.

But first, she had an urge to thin the herd.

TUGGLE, Debra Sue

On June 23, 1982, Paxton was out at the movies The case of Debra Tuggle perfectly exemplifies how when Debra had him paged, sobbing out the news that loopholes in "The System" may allow determined mur-his daughter, two-year-old Tomekia, was dead. She had derers to roam at large for years. As the rarest of preda-no explanation, and the hospital demanded none. It tors—a black female serial killer of children—she fell was stretching credibility to blame SIDS for the death of through the cracks of a government network designed a child Tomekia's age, but stranger things have hap-to protect those she killed, claiming at least five victims pened in the world of pediatric medicine. Case closed.

before she was brought to a semblance of justice. Sadly, Almost.

even when her crimes had been revealed, the very agen-The news that she was pregnant in the spring of cies that should have stopped her killing spree a decade 1983 knocked Debra for a loop. That May, she tried to earlier were more concerned with bad publicity than give herself a coat-hanger abortion, but she bungled the human lives.

attempt. George Paxton's family doctor tried to have With 20/20 hindsight, it is easy to declare that Debra her booked for psychiatric treatment by the state, but Tuggle never should have been allowed to have a child, his petition was denied. A healthy girl, G'Joy Paxton, much less the five she ultimately bore to different was born in October 1983 . . . but Debra's time was fathers in 11 years. She clearly lacked the temperament swiftly running out.

for motherhood, but there was something else at work It took an employee of the state mental health in Tuggle's mind as well, beyond mere rage or boredom department, Dr. Alexander Merrill, to finally see with the drudgery of her maternal role: a dark and through Tuggle's years of "bad luck" in November deadly "something" that compelled her to eliminate the 1983. Merrill was the first to analyze a list of unrelated very lives she brought into the world.

victim surnames, recognizing that a single woman had Debra's first child, William Henry, was born in 1972.

been linked to five child deaths within a decade. Pulaski Eighteen months later he had a half-brother, Thomas County's coroner, Steve

Nawajoczyk, was interested, Bates, and the pressure of raising them was mounting and so were the police. On March 20, 1984, Debra was on Debra, pushing her over the edge. Both children died jailed on four counts of first-degree murder; Terranz suddenly in 1974, Thomas barely two months old, Tuggle's case, in Malvern, remained "open." Two days William three months short of his second birthday.

later, the court set her bond at a prohibitive $750,000.

Physicians in Debra's hometown of Little Rock, Little Rock physicians and Arkansas public health Arkansas, were sympathetic to the grieving mother's officials were quick to absolve themselves of any negli-plight. In the absence of physical symptoms, they gence in Tuggle's case. Debra's children each had differ-blamed William's death on pneumonia, listing Thomas ent fathers, after all—and besides, her explanations of as a victim of SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

the sudden deaths were "credible." In retrospect, we (SIDS).

know that "normal" SIDS does not haunt any given A third son, Ronald Johnson, was nine months old mother, claiming the lives of child after child, but when he suddenly stopped breathing in 1976. Again, Arkansas doctors appeared to be learning their craft by Debra's public display of grief was convincing; once trial and error.

again, SIDS was blamed for the death. Two years later, In custody, Tuggle admitted pressing a pillow over Tuggle shot herself in the abdomen, an apparent suicide Tomekia's face to "stop her crying" while Debra attempt, and was briefly committed to a state hospital watched television. She held the pillow in place for ***260***

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some two minutes with the desired result but claimed on the bathroom floor next morning at 7:00 A.M. and she still "didn't think Tomekia was dead." Only later—

she died three hours later at a local hospital. Autopsy presumably when her program was finished—did the results determined that the capsule Mary Kellerman murderess realize her "mistake."

ingested had contained a lethal mix of normal Tylenol Skeptical jurors convicted Tuggle of first-degree mur-and deadly cyanide.

der on September 18, 1984, but they dredged up sym-Those results had yet to be reported on the afternoon pathy enough to recommend the statutory minimum of September 29 when three members of the Janus fam-

sentence of 10 years in prison. Sentenced accordingly, ily, residing in another Chicago suburb, swallowed Debra still faced one more trial, on charges of murder-Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules and shortly collapsed.

ing her first three sons. Conviction on those charges None of the three was saved, despite best efforts of could bring a death sentence, but Tuggle's luck had physicians working around the clock.

finally begun to change.

With the body count at four and holding for the On December 7, 1984, Circuit Judge Floyd Lofton moment, a local firefighter, Lieutenant Phillip Cap-dismissed all three outstanding murder counts. There pitelli, began putting two and two together in his mind.

was no scientific evidence to indicate a homicide in He was aware of Mary Kellerman's death from conver-Ronald Johnson's death, the judge declared, and state sations with a relative; now, with reports of the Janus law barred the prosecution from using Tuggle's prior triple poisoning on his police scanner, he huddled with conviction on an identical crime to make the case. As coworkers, soon making the link between Extra-far as Thomas Bates and William Henry were con-Strength Tylenol and four victims to date. Warnings cerned, Judge Lofton ruled that the statute of limita-were issued throughout greater Chicago on September tions had run out on their deaths after 10 years of 30, but three more victims had already been poisoned official inaction. Prosecutors vowed to appeal the rulin the meantime, none of whom survived.

ing, but their efforts were futile, leaving Tuggle with the On October 1, 1982, the manufacturers of Extra-prospect of mandatory release at age 36 in 1994.

Strength Tylenol recalled some 264,000 bottles of their Dr. Merrill, meanwhile, had established a system for product from stores in Chicago and environs, while the tracking suspicious SIDS deaths in Arkansas. He was U.S. Food and Drug Administration broadcast warnings hot on the trail of another sinister case—four deaths in for consumers to avoid the drug until such time as an one family—when his superiors fired him in January investigation was completed. Four days later, the recall 1985. Officially, Merrill was canned for airing "unwar-went nationwide after police in Oroville, California, ranted criticism" of state health officials. In his view, blamed Tylenol laced with strychnine for the near-fatal the doctor

had been punished for “making waves” and convulsions suffered by victim Greg Blagg. By October 6, exposing the foibles of a negligent bureaucracy.

authorities in Canada, Great Britain, Norway, Italy, the No motive was advanced by prosecutors in the Tug-Philippines, and South Korea were also taking steps to gle case, but her behavior—including the bungled sui-clear the suspect bottles from their shelves. The following cide attempt—points toward another case of

day, authorities in Philadelphia retracted their suicide MUNCHAUSEN’S SYNDROME BY PROXY, in which unsta-verdict in the April 3 death of a student, William Pascual, ble mothers or other caregivers deliberately harm their deciding the incident “might have been connected” to charges, thriving on the resultant sympathy and atten-poisoned Tylenol capsules. A fresh examination of Extration. Then again, perhaps she simply hated children.

Strength Tylenol capsules found in Pascual’s apartment found them contaminated with cyanide.

Back in Chicago, meanwhile, investigators traced the

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deadly capsules to the stores where they were pur-The unsolved “Tylenol murders” are unique among ser-chased. On October 4, it was announced that one addi-ial killings in that the slayer never actually saw his vic-tional tainted bottle of Extra-Strength Tylenol had been tims and had no idea of their identity or number until he found at each of five stores examined. Because of the (or she) was advised of the deaths by media reports. Per-small number found citywide, police concluded that the haps predictably, by its very nature, the case has also Tylenol was bought or stolen, “spiked” with poison by had a greater impact on American society —and

a lurking killer, then surreptitiously returned to store beyond—than any other case of serial murder in history.

shelves. That judgment was buttressed on October 5

The terror began on September 29, 1982, when 12-after medical examiners toured the Tylenol plant in Fort year-old Mary Kellerman, a resident of suburban Elks Washington, Pennsylvania. Cyanide was used at the Grove Village near Chicago complained to her parents plant, but security measures were tight, and the odds of a scratchy throat and sniffles.

Treated with an Extra-against in-house contamination were pegged at "a mil-Strength Tylenol capsule, Mary was found unconscious lion to one."

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The immediate result of the scare was a call for new no clues behind. It is a testament to human nature that, and stricter safety features in the packaging of patent with the Tylenol scare at its height, certain opportunis-medicines. In Illinois, Cook County's board of supervi-tic felons tried to jump on the bandwagon, demanding sors passed an ordinance on October 4, 1982, requiring cash to avert future poisonings, but while they went to that all such containers sold within the county must prison on extortion charges, none was ever linked to have "tamper-proof" seals. The very next day, a federal the actual murders. There was also a brief rash of task force convened to address the problem on a

"copycat" crimes, with victims in Colorado and Florida national basis. By October 6, Secretary of Health and injured, respectively, by eye drops and mouthwash Human Services Richard Schweiker had issued execu-tainted with acid. In the final analysis, homicide investitive orders requiring tamper-resistant seals on all patent gators in Illinois, California, and Pennsylvania could medicines and similar items designed for human con-never decide if their poisoning cases were linked. Offi-sumption. Another step toward safety from random cially, the unknown "Tylenol killer" faces seven counts poisoning followed with invention of the "caplet"—

of murder for the crimes around Chicago, if and when that is, capsule-shaped (but solid) tablets that cannot be police are able to identify a suspect. But at 23 years and opened and contaminated.

counting since the crimes, it seems unlikely that the case Still, prevention was easier than punishment in this will ever actually be solved.

troubling case, where the lurking killer (or killers) left ***262***

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well and leave no tracks behind, are automatically Apprehension of serial killers is not a foregone conclu-omitted from such estimates, since law enforcement has sion, by any means. In this century, 18 percent of all no clue that they exist.

recognized repeat slayers have given detectives the slip, JOHN GACY is a case in point, along with DEAN

including at least four—BELLE GUNNESS, BELA KISS, Carl CORLL, JUAN CORONA, and Milwaukee's JEFFREY DAH-Menarik, and Randolph Dial—who eluded police after MER. By themselves, these four men collectively claimed their identities and crimes were publicized. More com-more than 100 victims without arousing police suspi-mon, by far, are stalkers like London's "JACK THE RIP-cion and were betrayed in the end by some careless misPER" or the American "ZODIAC" and "MOONLIGHT

take or a fluke of circumstance. Less prolific but luckier MURDERER," whose crimes excite the public for a time in the end, Eugene Butler spent the last seven years of before they simply fade from public consciousness, for-his life in a North Dakota mental institution; he had ever unidentified.

been dead two years before construction workers razed Various reasons typically advanced for the cessation his former home and found six corpses buried in the of unsolved serial murders include speculation on the crawl space.

killer's death, imprisonment on unrelated charges, or Author Carl Sifakis, in his Encyclopedia of American commitment to a mental institution. In the absence of a Crime (1982), speculates that the true American mur-name, however (and conclusive evidence connecting der rate may be double the figure recorded each year if any given suspect to the crimes in question) such theo-we consider MISSING PERSONS plus homicides disguised ries are nothing more than idle mind games. A more as accidental deaths or suicides. MEDICAL MURDERS are troubling notion—that certain serial killers voluntarily also sometimes difficult to recognize, certified as "nat-

"retire" from the hunt—is less welcome to police and ural" deaths by inexperienced doctors . . . or by the civilians alike, since it implies the slayer may resume his killer himself if he happens to be the attending physi-homicidal acts at any time as he or she sees fit.

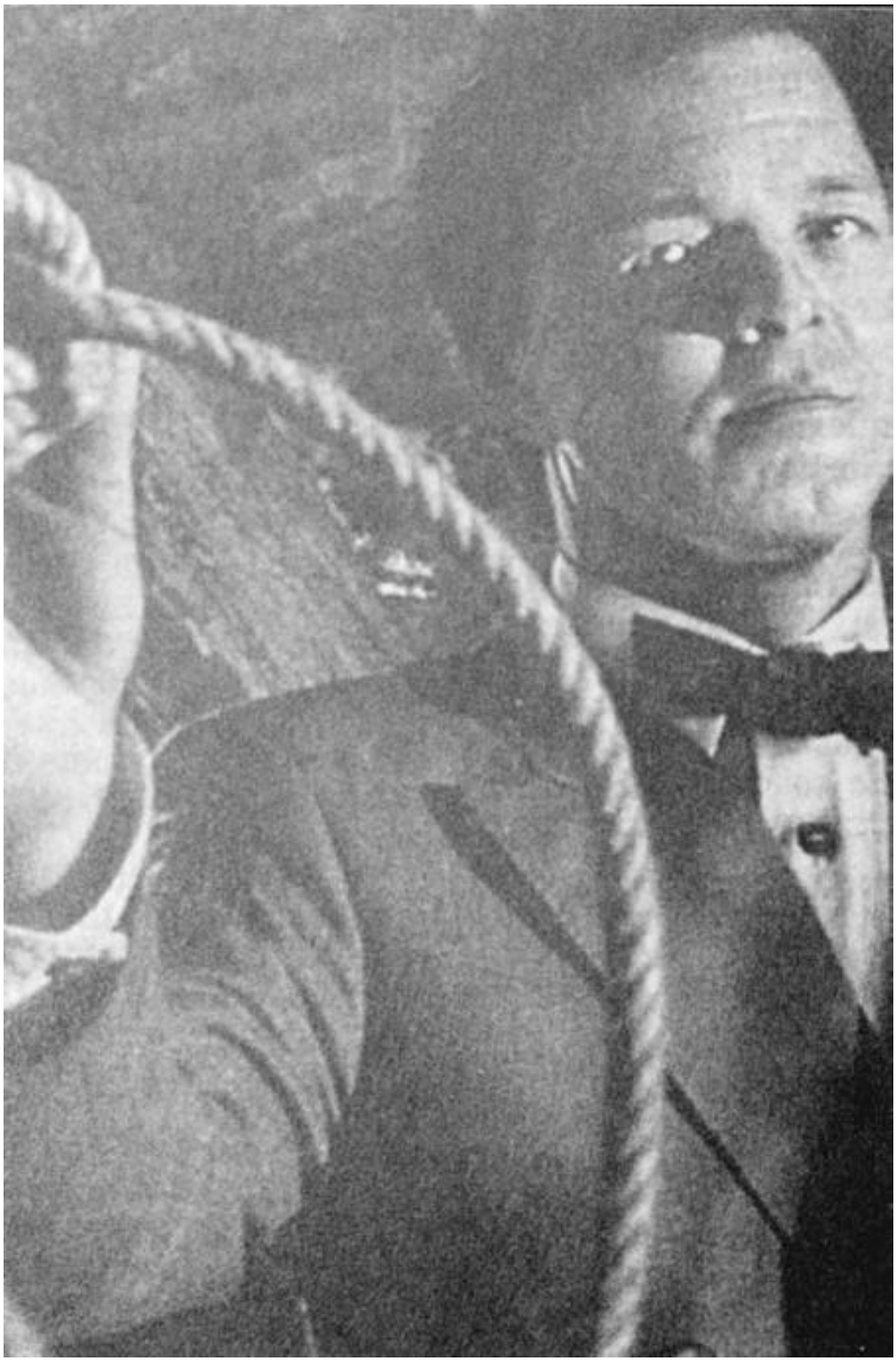
cian. Homicide statistics are further skewed by the fact FBI spokesmen are frequently asked to speculate on that victims discovered years after death—as with the the number of unidentified serial killers at large in 29 discovered on Gacy's property in 1978—are logged America. Their estimates typically range from 35 to 50, in the year of discovery, rather than the years in which sometimes as high as 100, while critics claim the figures they were murdered.

thus elicited are too conservative. The plain truth is that *See also PROFILING*

no one knows how many homicidal stalkers are at large on any given day. Police can only tabulate the cases they have recognized—that is, the ones in which repeated ***UNTERWEGER, Jack***

murders have been linked by circumstantial evidence.

A native of Styria, in southeastern Austria, Unterweger Another breed of killer, those who hide their victims was the illegitimate son of an American soldier and an



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Austrian prostitute. Born in 1951, he was raised among hookers and pimps, growing up wild with an unpredictable temper. He was a chronic truant by age nine and logged his first arrest at 16 for assaulting a

prostitute. Over the next nine years, he accumulated 16 convictions—mostly for sexual attacks on women—and spent all but 12 months of that time behind bars. Briefly freed in 1976, he was charged with murder after he bludgeoned another streetwalker with an iron bar, then strangled her with her own brassiere. In court, he admitted his crime, telling the judge, "I envisioned my mother in front of me, and I killed her."

Sentenced to life imprisonment, Unterweger followed the lead of certain American convicts, reinventing himself as an author of "important" literature. Over the next 14 years, he produced various poems, plays, short stories, and an autobiography that made him the toast of Viennese café society. Influential Austrians petitioned the government for his release, and the "rehabilitated"

killer was paroled on May 23, 1990. "That life is over now," he told the press. "Let's get on with the new."

And so he did. Overnight, Jack become a fixture on television talk shows, posing as a model of prison rehabilitation, enjoying most-favored-guest status at high-society cocktail parties. Money follows celebrity, and Unterweger sported designer clothes, drove a Ford Mustang with the license tag reading "Jack 1,"

and acquired a blond girlfriend the same age as his last victim. Unfortunately, Jack's "new life" was a charade. Austrian police report that Unterweger killed at least six prostitutes within his first 12

months of freedom.

Jack Unterweger poses with a hangman's noose. (Author's In June 1991, Jack got a chance to take his show on collection)

the road. An Austrian magazine commissioned him to write about crime in Los Angeles. Winging off to L.A.

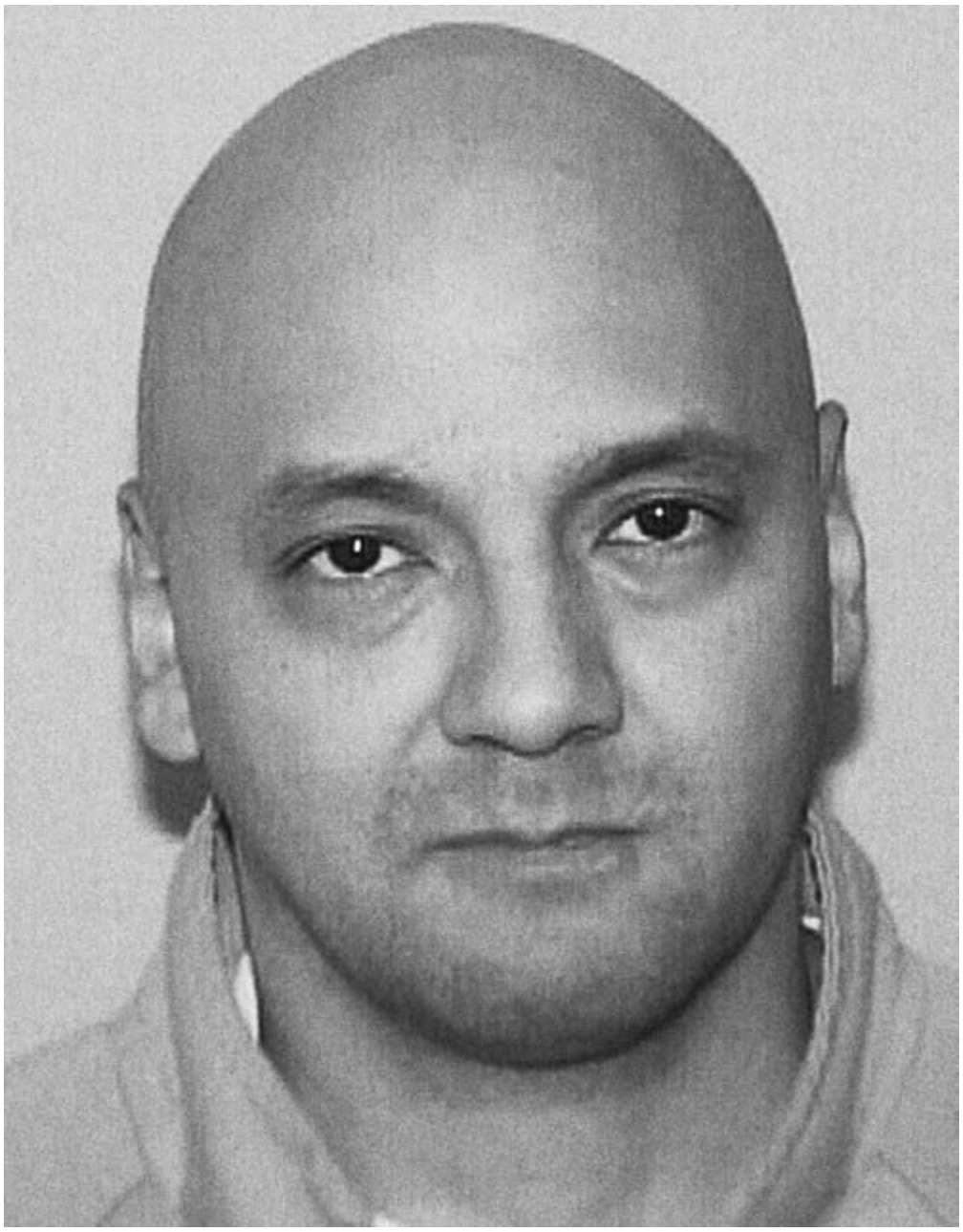
with his lover, Unterweger wangled several ride-alongs with his teenage lover on a jaunt that would take them with local police. He wrote a couple of articles, focus-through Switzerland, France, and Canada and back ing primarily on Hollywood prostitutes, but Jack also once more to the United States. Along the way, he had a more personal interest in his subject. The first vic-paused for telephone calls to the Austrian media, alter-tim, 35-year-old Shannon Exley, was found in Boyle nately taunting police and proclaiming his innocence. A Heights on June 20. Number two, 33-year-old Irene trail of credit card receipts led manhunters to Miami, Rodriguez, was found in the same neighborhood 10

Florida, where Unterweger was captured without resis-days later. Peggy Booth, age 26, was found dead in a tance. (His girlfriend told police they had chosen Miami Malibu canyon on July 10. All three women were hook-as their refuge because she "liked Don Johnson," star of ers, all three had been savagely beaten before they were the Miami Vice TV series.)

strangled with their own bras, and all three bodies were In custody once more, Unterweger was accused of sexually violated with tree branches. (Some accounts killing 11 prostitutes since his release from prison—six refer vaguely to a fourth, unnamed victim in San Diego, in Austria, three in Los Angeles, and two more in but no charges were ever filed in that case.)

Czechoslovakia. The Czechs didn't want him, but Aus-Unterweger was safely back in Austria by the time tria and the United States squabbled over jurisdiction, Interpol officials recognized descriptions of the L.A.

Jack's homeland winning out when Austrian officials killer's MODUS OPERANDI in February 1992. An Aus-agreed to try Unterweger for five foreign murders as trian SWAT team raided Unterweger's Vienna apart-well as the six committed on their own soil. Extradition ment, but their suspect was already gone, embarked was thereby approved, and Los Angeles authorities ***264***



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packed up their forensic evidence for shipment across work from Urdiales, after he found her waiting at a bus the Atlantic.

stop, but she spurned his romantic advances. Returning Back home in Graz, Unterweger was indicted on 11

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at the end of her shift, he lured Asbenson with the offer murder counts in August 1992, but legal maneuvers of another ride, then held a knife to her throat and delayed his trial for nearly two years. The proceedings bound her hands, proceeding to the nearby desert finally began on April 20, 1994, and lasted for two where he raped Asbenson and choked her unconscious.

months, including testimony by FBI experts imported Reviving in the trunk of her kidnapper's rented car, from Quantico, Virginia. Unterweger seemed confident Asbenson managed to open the lid and escape on foot.

throughout the trial, never failing to smile for the cam-Urdiales returned the car and flew home the same day.

eras, but evidence was mounting up against him. A Chicago acquaintances, unfamiliar with his history bomb blast at the courthouse failed to disrupt jury of adolescent sadism toward animals, described deliberations on June 28, and Unterweger was con-Urdiales as "different" after his stint in the Marine victed that afternoon on nine murder counts and Corps. His childhood friend Gary Zabala later told acquitted of two others. The judge promptly sentenced reporters, "I think the Marines changed his life." Be him to life imprisonment in maximum security, but that as it may, Urdiales took a hiatus from murder after Unterweger had the last laugh. At 3:40 A.M. on June 29, Asbenson's escape. He would not kill again until March jailers found him hanging from a curtain rod in his cell, 1995, on another California visit. There, he met 32-the drawstring from his sweatpants looped around his year-old prostitute Denise Maney working the streets of neck. Several audio cassettes were recovered from his Cathedral City and drove her to the desert. As Urdiales cell, but their content has never been divulged.

later described the event to police, he bound Maney and raped her, then stuck a .45-caliber pistol in her mouth and "blew the back of her head off." He then stripped **URDIALES, Andrew**

the corpse of all clothing and possessions, leaving it for Chicago native Andrew Urdiales was 13 years old in desert scavengers.

June 1978, when he beat the family dog to death with a baseball bat, then persuaded his parents the animal had broken its neck in an accidental fall. After high school, Urdiales joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, in southern California, from 1984 to 1991. While still in uniform, he used his combat training to commit a string of gruesome murders that baffled Golden State authorities for a decade.

The first victim was 23-year-old Robbin Brandley, a fine arts student at Saddleback Community College in Mission Viejo, California. On the night of January 18, 1986, following a concert on campus, Urdiales attacked Brandley in a dimly lit parking lot, stabbing her 41

times in the back, neck, chest, and hands. Police were still puzzling over that crime in July 1988, when Urdiales claimed his second victim. Julie McGhee was a 29-year-old prostitute whom Urdiales shot repeatedly with a .45-caliber pistol, leaving her corpse near Cathedral City, in Riverside County. Two months later, on September 25, police found 31-year-old Mary Ann Wells, another prostitute, shot with the same pistol at an abandoned industrial complex in San Diego. The same gun was used again, on April 17, 1989, to kill 18-year-old streetwalker Tammy Erwin at Palm Springs.

After the Erwin slaying, Urdiales dismantled his pistol to scatter its parts far and wide. He left the Marine Corps with an honorable discharge in 1991, returning home to his parents in Chicago, but September 1992

found him back in southern California for a holiday.

Nineteen-year-old Jennifer Asbenson accepted a ride to Andrew Urdiales (AP Photo/Illinois Dept. of Corrections) **265**

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Success in far-off California seemingly persuaded intent to seek the death penalty against Urdiales. His Urdiales that it would be safe to hunt at home. While trial for the murders of Lynn Huber and Laura Uylaki working as a security guard at a store in downtown began on April 8, 2002, including reports from one psy-Chicago, Urdiales spent his free time trolling for prosti-chiatrist that Urdiales claimed a history of childhood tutes in suburban Hammond, Indiana. His first home-molestation. Siblings refuted that story, and jurors con-town victim was 25-year-old Laura Uylaki, a

victed Urdiales of both murder counts on May 23. The Hammond resident found floating in Cook County's same panel imposed a death sentence on May 30, 2002.

Wolf Lake on April 14, 1996. Uylaki had been shot The story might have ended there, bogged down in twice in the head with a .38-caliber pistol. Exactly two long-winded appeals spanning years or decades, but Illi-months later, on July 14, police hauled 21-year-old Cas-nois was rocked by a series of scandals at the turn of the sandra Corum from the Vermillion River in Livingston new millennium, involving gross misconduct by police

County, 90 miles south of Chicago. The Hammond and prosecutors in high-profile capital cases. In the woman had been shot and stabbed repeatedly. On 1990s, private investigators from Northwestern Univer-August 2, 1996, the action shifted back to Wolf Lake, sity's Center on Wrongful Convictions revealed evidence with discovery of 22-year-old Lynn Huber.

of coerced confessions and suppressed exculpatory evi-Later in 1996, Chicago police detained Urdiales for a dence that freed 17 Illinois inmates from death row.

weapons violation involving that same .38, but he was Finally, on January 11, 2003, outgoing governor George released without charges. In April 1997, a Hammond Ryan proclaimed that "the Illinois capital punishment prostitute fled screaming from his car after Urdiales system is broken." By executive order, he commuted all flashed a gun and tried to handcuff her. Police arrested death sentences still pending in the state—167 con-Urdiales on April 23, and ballistics tests on his weapon demned men and women in all, including Andrew

were still in progress when he confessed eight murders Urdiales.

and the rape of Jennifer Asbenson. Lab reports con-Angry appeals of Ryan's decision proved fruitless in firmed that the .38 registered to Urdiales had indeed court, but Illinois prosecutors still had another shot at killed victims Uylaki, Corum, and Huber. His confes-Urdiales, for the murder of Cassandra Corum in Liv-sions were chilling, including admissions that Urdiales ingston County. Facing another death sentence under

"was turned on by watching women suffer." Often, he revised rules of procedure, Urdiales changed his game said, victims begged for their lives, saying things like plan on April 24, 2004, revising his INSANITY DEFENSE

" 'Please don't kill me' and the usual babbling." Palm to a plea of "guilty but mentally ill." Prosecutor Springs detective John Booth described his conversation Michael Hood denigrated that claim while branding with Urdiales as "the worst interview I've ever had. He Urdiales "a cold, calculated killing machine" who had just sat there and said things like, 'Then I blew her head

"honed his craft" through successive murders. Defense off,' like it was no big deal."

attorney Stephen Richards told reporters, "Any serial-Despite that calm facade, Urdiales was placed on a killer case is going to be used as a poster

child for the round-the-clock suicide watch following his formal death penalty. However, [Urdiales] has serious mental arraignment on April 29, 1997. Chicago authorities health issues and suffered abuse. You can’t just look at filed two murder counts against him (Uylaki and what the number of murders is.” Judge Harold Fro-Huber), while prosecutors in California and downstate bish disagreed, rejecting the defendant’s plea and con-Illinois prepared other cases. Formal Cook County victing Urdiales of first-degree murder on May 10, indictments followed on May 13, while Urdiales was 2004. Two weeks later, a jury chosen for the trial’s held without bail. A new arraignment followed on June penalty phase imposed a new death sentence. Califor-13, 1997, at which time Urdiales pleaded not guilty.

nia prosecutors have suggested that they may wish to Legal wrangling over capital punishment in Illinois try Urdiales for his murders in that state, but no extra-state courts postponed further progress in the case until dition requests had been filed when this work went to April 30, 2001, when prosecutors filed a notice of press.

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VACHER, Joseph

berth. Transferred to the Asylum of Saint-Robert in Known to history as the “French Ripper,” Vacher was 1893, he seemed to improve dramatically —so much so, one of the few serial killers on record who looked and in fact, that doctors released him as “cured” on April 1, acted the part in daily life. Born in 1869, the last of 15

1894.

children in a poor farming family in southeastern Vacher started drifting, adopting a vagrant lifestyle, France, Vacher was known throughout his life for hiking from one town to the next with no clear destina-erratic fits of temper. He joined the French army in tion in mind. What he *did* have in mind was the sadis-1890, published accounts disagreeing on whether he tic rape and murder of anyone who caught his fancy, a was drafted or enlisted voluntarily. In any case, Vacher homicidal compulsion which claimed at least 11 lives seemed to enjoy military service at first, striving hard to (some accounts say 14; one claims 26) before his next earn the rank of corporal. When his promotion was arrest, in August 1897. Gender seemed irrelevant to delayed—unjustly, in his view—Vacher attempted sui-Vacher, though he apparently murdered more women cide by slashing his

throat with a razor. The wound was than men. His first known victim was 21-year-old not fatal, and his superiors were so impressed with Eugénie Delhomme, a factory girl Vacher stabbed, dis-Vacher's dedication to the service that they hastened his emboweled, and raped after death near Vienne in June promotion.

1894. Most of the victims that followed were farm It soon became apparent that Corporal Vacher had workers, each in turn stabbed to death, then raped and serious problems. He intimidated his fellow soldiers, grossly mutilated after death, some of the bodies bear-eyeing their throats and mumbling comments about ing human bite marks. Authorities discerned a pattern

"flowing blood," to the point that some of them com-from descriptions of a filthy, scar-faced tramp seen in plained and Vacher was sent to the infirmary for obser-the neighborhood of several homicides, but no one vation. Out on sick leave, he met a young woman at seemed to know the drifter's name and tracing him Baumes-des-Dames and fell in love at first sight. The took time.

lady did not spurn him outright, but her response was On August 4, 1897, Vacher spied a woman collecting cool enough to provoke one of Vacher's tantrums.

pine cones in the Bois des Pelleries and attacked her, but Whipping out a pistol in the midst of an argument, he she fought back with surprising strength, screaming for shot the woman three times (she survived) and then help. Her husband, children, and several neighbors turned the gun on himself. No great marksman, even at rushed to the scene, overpowered Vacher, and dragged point-blank range, Vacher survived his second suicide him to the local inn, where he entertained his captors attempt with a damaged right eye and a partially para-with accordion music while waiting for police to arrive.

lyzed face. Committed to the Asylum of Saint-Ylle, Charged with the relatively minor crime of offending Vacher behaved in such outrageous style that even the public decency, Vacher was sentenced to three months in most violent of his fellow inmates gave him a wide jail. For reasons yet unknown, he then wrote a confession

VAKRINOS, Dimitris

to 11 homicides and mailed it to the court, explaining that his crimes were committed “in a moment of frenzy.”

Vacher blamed his bloodlust on the bite of a rabid dog, allegedly suffered when he was eight years old. Prolonged examination by

psychiatrists determined that he was mentally fit to stand trial for murder.

Despite Vacher's written confession, he was charged with only one slaying—that of Victor Portalier, a young shepherd killed at Tournon in 1895. Vacher's trial was held at the Ain Assizes in October 1898, highlighted by his outbursts and posturing in court. At one point, he lurched erect from his seat, shouting, "Glory to Jesus!

Long live Joan of Arc! Glory to the great martyr of our time! Glory to the great savior!" Despite his performance, jurors found him sane and guilty as charged.

Vacher was sentenced to die and was dragged kicking and screaming to the guillotine on December 31, 1898.

VAKRINOS, Dimitris

A quick-tempered Greek who stopped growing at five feet four inches, taxi driver Dimitris Vakrinos was arrested on April 9, 1997, at the climax of a one-man crime spree that had spanned the best part of a decade.

In custody, he confessed to five murders, six attempted murders, one attempted rape, four armed robberies, and one attempted robbery. His victims were to blame, Vakrinos told police, for having mocked his sawed-off stature. Held without bail pending trial, Vakrinos committed suicide on May 12, using his own shoelaces to hang himself from a showerhead in the prison's isola-Police sketch of the "Valley Killer" (Author's collection) tion ward—a trick, ironically, that might have proven unsuccessful for a taller man.

the knife repeatedly into her lower body, clearly a sadistic sexual attack.

"VALLEY Killer"

Police were still puzzling over that case a year later The scenic Connecticut River Valley forms a natural when 13-year-old Sherry Nastasia was reported missing border between the states of New Hampshire and Verin Springfield, Vermont. Skeletal remains, found on mont—a generally quiet, peaceful place in which to live.

December 13, included a broken leg and fractured ribs, And yet, since 1978, the region has been terrorized by but the cause of death was tentatively fixed as strangu-two vicious serial killers. One was captured and incarlation. Twelve-year-old Theresa Fenton, who was cerated for his crimes in 1983; the other—and more abducted while riding her bike in Springfield on August lethal of the two—remains at large today.

29, 1981, was found alive the next day. Hopelessly The first confirmed victim of the faceless stalker injured by a savage beating, she died on August 31. The known to locals as the “Valley Killer” was 26-year-old next victim, 11-year-old Caty Richards, was kidnapped Cathy Millican, an enthusiastic birdwatcher, last seen on April 9, 1983, and found beaten to death the next alive on September 24, 1978, when she drove to a wet-day, but this time a witness was able to describe the lands preserve at New London, New Hampshire, to killer and his car. Suspect Gary Schaefer was quickly practice her hobby. She failed to return home that night, arrested and later confessed to the murders of Fenton and her body was found the next day, sprawled near a and Richards, plus the abduction of a female hitchhiker path through the wetlands, her clothing disarranged, who managed to escape his clutches in November 1982.

her belongings scattered along the trail as if she had In December 1983, he pled no contest to one murder been dragged for some distance. Millican was killed by count (Richards) and one charge of kidnapping (the stab wounds to the throat, after which her slayer drove survivor). Schaefer never admitted involvement in **268**

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Sherry Nastasia’s death, but most investigators think he The Valley Killer’s apparent medical fetish resurfaced is responsible for that crime as well.

in January 1987 when he chose another nurse as his The other “Valley Killer,” meanwhile, seems to have next victim. Barbara Agnew, 36, lived in Norwich, Ver-gone on hiatus while Schaefer was playing his cat-and-mont, and worked part-time at Mary Hitchcock

mouse game with police around Springfield. His next Memorial Hospital across the river in Hanover, New presumed victim was 17-year-old Bernice Courte-Hampshire. She was last seen alive on January 10 after manche, last seen alive on May 30, 1984, when she left a day of skiing with a friend near Winhall, Vermont.

her job as a nurse’s aide at the Sullivan County Nursing Three days later, her wallet and a woman’s blood-Home, in Beauregard Village, New Hampshire. A

stained clothing were found in the dumpster at a gas coworker drove Bernice to nearby Claremont, where station south of White River Junction, Vermont, and a she announced her intention of hitchhiking to Newport call

to Agnew’s workplace confirmed that she was miss-for a visit with her boyfriend. Bernice never arrived; ing. Her car was found abandoned on January 14 at a authorities feared that she may have drowned in the highway rest stop in Hartford, Vermont; police noted flood tide of a nearby river. Their hopes for a “natural”

that her skis were missing, although her poles and boots solution to the mystery were dashed on April 19, 1986, were left behind. Agnew’s remains, preserved intact by when skeletal remains were found by two fishermen frigid weather, were found by hikers near Hartland, near Kellyville, New Hampshire. Bernice was identified Vermont, on March 28. An autopsy revealed multiple from dental records three days later, knife marks on her stab wounds to the neck, apparently inflicted from cervical vertebrae indicating she was stabbed to death.

behind, plus gashes to the lower abdomen that had In the two years between Bernice’s disappearance become the Valley Killer’s signature.

and the discovery of her remains, the Valley Killer had By this time, homicide investigators had their eyes on already claimed three more victims. Ellen Fried, a 26-two more unsolved murders from the area, one dating year-old nurse, was last seen alive on the night of July back to June 11, 1968, when 15-year-old Jo Anne Dun-10, 1984, and reported missing after she missed two ham vanished from Claremont, New Hampshire.

days of work at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont.

Found strangled the next day, her death bore no resem-Her car was found soon after, parked on a narrow for-blance to the unknown slasher’s crimes, but police est lane nearby, but it was September 19, 1985, before noted that her corpse was found within a mile of the her skeleton was found at Newport, New Hampshire.

point where Eva Morse was last seen alive.

Fried was identified on October 1, and while the first Another victim, 25-year-old Elizabeth Critchley, had autopsy failed to note a cause of death, subsequent disappeared on July 25, 1981, while hitchhiking from reexamination found apparent knife wounds, listing her Massachusetts to her home in Vermont. Found two death as a homicide by stabbing.

weeks later at Unity, New Hampshire, she had not been Eva Morse, a single mother with one 10-year-old stabbed, but neither could the coroner determine any daughter, arrived at her regular job in Charlestown, other cause of death. Her body had been found three New Hampshire, at 7:00

A.M. on July 10, 1985, but miles from Gary Schaefer's home, and while authorities never punched in. Instead, she lingered barely long had questioned him about the case, he was never posi-enough to make a telephone call, then told her supervi-tively linked to Critchley's death. In fact, police now sor that she was going home sick. A coworker who saw that her body had been dumped within two miles spoke with Morse before she left would later tell police of the point where Eva Morse and Jo Anne Dunham that Eva was bound for Claremont, hitchhiking to visit were slain.

her one-time lesbian lover. As word of her disappear-To this day, authorities cannot agree on whether vic-ance spread, a motorist reported giving Morse a lift to tims Dunham and Critchley belong on the Valley the Charlestown-Claremont line, and there she van-Killer's hit list. They feel more confidence concerning ished—until loggers found her skeleton on April 25, Jane Boroski, a pregnant 22-year-old who was attacked 1986, the skull nearly severed by stab wounds.

at a country store on Route 9, south of Keene, New Lynda Moore was the next to die, found stabbed to Hampshire, on the night of August 6, 1988. An

death in the kitchen of her home at Saxtons River, Ver-unknown man approached Boroski in the parking lot, mont—south of Springfield—when her husband came dragging her out of her car, and pulled a knife when she home from work on April 15, 1986. The medical exam-fought back. At one point in their scuffle, when she iner counted more than two dozen stab wounds to her asked why he had chosen her, the man replied, "You throat and abdomen, plus defensive cuts on both hands beat up my girlfriend." Boroski denied it, and the man and arms. Moore's husband was initially suspected by appeared confused. "Isn't this a Massachusetts car?" he police, as every spouse is suspect in such cases, but inves-asked. Boroski pointed out New Hampshire license tigation swiftly cleared him of involvement in the crime.

plates, and the stranger hesitated, began to turn away, **269**

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then rushed her with the knife again. Boroski was dumped in vacant lots. Pathologists blamed the deaths stabbed before approaching headlights caused her on deliberate exsanguination, suggesting that a black-attacker to flee, but she survived her wounds and gave market "blood ring" was killing children and selling birth to a healthy daughter two months later.

their blood for $25 per quart. Two surviving victims, Boroski also described her assailant for police, assista pair of 12-year-old twins, went missing for four days ing in the preparation of a sketch that was widely pub-in December 1963; found in badly weakened con-

lished throughout the Connecticut River Valley. In dition, they described a house where they and other 1991, the crime was reenacted—and the sketch dis-boys were held against their will and injected with played for a national audience—on TV's *Unsolved* drugs to make them sleep. What happened next is *Mysteries,* hosted by Robert Stack. The program had a anybody's guess, however, since the house was never history of clearing unsolved crimes, but there were no found and the Cali "vampire" murders remain

leads generated in Boroski's case. The Valley Killer, unsolved.

though apparently "retired" since August 1988, is *See also* PARAPHILIA

unidentified and still at large today.

VANNI, Mario

See "MONSTER OF FLORENCE"

VAMPIRISM and Serial Murder

"Blood sports" are a fairly common form of sexual activity in modern society, with certain nightclubs and **VICAP:** Law enforcement tool

role-playing games devoted to make-believe vampires.

While FICTION AND FILM have wildly exaggerated the The wise practitioners of such pastimes are frugal in role of FBI agents in pursuing and capturing serial consumption and take care with hygiene in this age of killers, the Bureau *does* play a part in tracking such AIDS, but serial killers with a literal lust for blood predators. The "chase" is typically a mental exercise of (hematomania) predictably take the game to fatal PROFILING unknown subjects, with most of the work extremes.

done in basement quarters at the FBI Academy in There have probably always been flesh-and-blood Quantico, Virginia, by members of the Bureau's Inves-vampires among us throughout history. If Countess tigative Support Unit (formerly Behavioral Science).

ERZSEBET BÁTHORY's infamous bloodbaths belong more Accurate profiling requires input from detectives work-to fable than fact, still it is known that she and her arising on the case, wherever they may be, and that infor-tocratic predecessor GILLES DE RAIS used blood spilled mation is

collected through VICAP—the FBI's Violent from their victims as a prime ingredient for pagan ritu-Criminal Apprehension Program.

als and alchemy. More recently, FRITZ HAARMANN

VICAP was the brainchild of retired Los Angeles killed more than tow dozen German youths by biting police commander Pierce Brooks, a veteran of serial out their throats, and Britain's JOHN HAIGH claimed to murder investigations dating from the 1950s, who rec-drink the blood of victims whom he robbed and mur-ognized the glaring lack of any information network dered, prior to dunking them in acid baths. Wayne geared to track nomadic killers on the move. In Brooks's Boden, the Canadian "Vampire Rapist," also tapped his day, the only antidote to "LINKAGE BLINDNESS" in such female victims as a source of blood, his crimes mimic-cases was exhaustive study of long-distance news ked by Marcelo de Andrade in Brazil and John Crutch-reports or steady correspondence with other (sometimes ley in Florida.

hostile) law enforcement agencies. Computers offered Some delusional subjects regard themselves as literal the obvious solution, and Brooks told anyone who vampires, requiring periodic blood infusions to survive.

would listen of his plans for a nationwide network One such was California's Richard Trenton Chase: con-designed to collect and compare details of unsolved vinced that some unspecified disease was "drying up"

crimes, thus charting patterns that might otherwise be his blood, he killed repeatedly for refills to replenish his missed.

supply. More often, though, the thirst for blood is sex-Retained by the FBI in 1981, Brooks and former ual in nature, akin to CANNIBALISM in that it allows the Seattle detective Robert Keppel began hammering out vampire to "possess"—indeed, consume—his victim on the VICAP framework, drafting an investigating ques-the most intimate possible terms.

tionnaire for local officers, but they still had far to go, Curiously, there may also be an occasional profit in terms of winning over the Washington bureaucracy.

motive for vampirism, as suggested in a case reported Best-selling author Ann Rule beat the drum of VICAP

from Colombia. There, in the city of Cali, 10 adoles-with a series of editorials in 1982, joining Brooks and cent boys were found dead between October 1963 and others to plead the FBI's case in July 1983 Senate hear-

February 1964, their bodies drained of blood and ings. A year later, in June 1984, President Ronald Rea-270

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gan announced the creation of a National Center for isms set alarm bells ringing in her mind, and surveil-Analysis of Violent Crime, charged with the primary lance was established on suspect Steven Pennell. A 31-goal of tracking repeat killers. The VICAP computer year-old white man, Pennell was a professional network, based at the FBI Academy, went on-line in electrician, with two college semesters of criminology May 1985, accepting reports of murders and MISSING

behind him. His applications to local police depart-PERSONS and discarded corpses from across the nation.

ments had all been rejected, but he clearly fit the VICAP

Unlike fictional G-men and -women, members of the profile as a "police buff." Scientific analysis of hairs, VICAP team and ISU are paid to analyze crimes rather fibers, and bloodstains from his van convinced a jury of than to conduct active field investigations. With fewer Pennell's guilt in two murders, and he was executed by than a dozen full-time agents, ISU is not equipped for lethal injection on March 14, 1992.

staging manhunts, crashing into suspect hideouts, or VICAP spokesmen often cite Pennell's case as proof gunning down desperate killers. On the rare occasions positive of their success in profiling killers, but when VICAP agents *do* visit a crime scene, their func-Delaware authorities—while grateful for the FBI's tion is purely advisory, reviewing local task force opera-help—are more reserved. The fiber evidence was criti-tions and suggesting more efficient means of handling cal, they grant, but it had not connection to the suspect information. The national program's success or failure profile, which local investigators now describe as "most ultimately hinges on cooperation from local agencies, general stuff." The decoy operation was standard police where jealousy, resentment, or simple fatigue sometimes work, they say, and would have caught Pennell regard-conspire to frustrate VICAP.

less of his occupation, race, or age.

Six months of operation was enough to highlight Sour grapes? A touch of jealousy, perhaps? In any VICAP's problems in the field. Overworked police case, while many frontline homicide investigators read-considered the 44-page federal questionnaire too cum-ily acknowledge VICAP's value

in connecting far-flung bersome and time consuming. If a killer picked off 10

crimes, some still insist that the program (in their opin-or 15 victims and the FBI required a separate ques-ion) has yet to prove itself capable of identifying a spe-tionnaire for each, some locals opted to ignore the fed-cific predator and bringing him to justice.

eral team and spare themselves a case of writer's cramp. The current VICAP forms are two-thirds

shorter than their predecessors, but reduced paper-ViCLAS: Law enforcement tool

work has not solved all the Bureau's problems in coor-ViCLAS—the Violent Crime Analysis Linkage Sys-

dinating manhunts. For many local officers, the FBI is tem—was the brainchild of Canada's first criminal pro-still J. Edgar Hoover once removed, a headline-grab-filer, Sergeant Ron MacKay. Assigned to the General bing agency more interested in claiming credit for Investigative Section of the Royal Canadian Mounted recovery of stolen cars and the arrest of "Top Ten"

Police (RCMP) in North Vancouver, MacKay envi-

fugitives than helping out the average working cop.

sioned a system that would improve on the FBI's VICAP

Some Bureau spokesmen are still too quick to shoot program for linking unsolved homicides and sexual from the lip—as when an agent in Atlanta blamed assaults across the country. When MacKay conceived anonymous black parents for the deaths of several his idea in August 1990, the RCMP already maintained murdered children—and many police departments still its Major Case File at headquarters in Ottawa, but view the feds as rank interlopers, their very presence a most local police departments refused to submit the tacit indictment of local methods.

voluminous paperwork required for case submissions.

A VICAP case where everything apparently worked MacKay and colleague Keith Davidson sought to rem-out as planned occurred in Wilmington, Delaware, edy that problem with computers, recruiting two stu-where five young prostitutes were tortured to death dents at Ottawa's Algonquin College—Paul Leury and between November 1987 and October 1988. FBI profil-John Ripley—to write the necessary software pro-ers reviewed the case evidence, sketching a portrait of a grams.

suspect who was white, a local resident employed in the Although actively employed from 1992, ViCLAS was construction trade, age 25 to 35, fascinated with police formally unveiled on December 16, 1993, with a press work, and using a van for transport and disposal of his conference held at the Ontario Provincial Police Acad-victims. Fiber samples taken from bodies narrowed emy outside Toronto. Present for the system's public down the range of carpeting inside the van, and VICAP

launch were various RCMP leaders, together with offi-agents recommended a decoy operation to lure the cers from 23 Canadian law enforcement agencies, the killer with policewomen disguised as hookers. One such FBI, New York State Police, New Jersey State Police, decoy managed to obtain some carpet fibers and a and members of Iowa's Sex Crimes Analysis Section.

license number for the "creepy" trick whose manner-Administration of ViCLAS was assigned to the new **271**

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Canadian Association of Violent Crime Analysts selecting their prey by means so convoluted that it takes (CAVCA).

a psychic or computer wizard to unravel their design, the Like VICAP, the ViCLAS program requires submis-truth is rather different. In fact, the real-life victims of sion of detailed questionnaires from field investigators.

random slayers are as ordinary as their killers first Submission forms consist of a 36-page booklet with appear to be. Their ranks include male and female, 245 questions (cut from an original 262 in 1995) or a young and old, all races, affluent and destitute, well-edu-shorter eight-page form with 83 questions. Within 18

cated and illiterate. They are drifters and debutantes, months of its launch, ViCLAS had drawn 57 links housewives and hookers, retirees and runaways, with the among 584 unsolved cases on file. By the end of 1995, occasional celebrity thrown in. Some are aware of the the system permitted MacKay to estimate that Canada risk when they take to the streets; others are hopelessly hosted 12 to 20 active serial killers at large. While some blind to their danger when murder comes calling at resistance lingers, voluntary ViCLAS submissions home. Indeed, the only trait they share in common is increased from 124 cases in 1992 (the year before its their moment in the spotlight of a killer's twisted fantasy.

formal launch) to 120,362 cases by September 2001.

Male murder victims in America normally outnum-Since its inception, interest in ViCLAS has spread ber females three to one, but serial killers nearly reverse rapidly around the world. Authorities in Austria and the that trend, claiming 65 percent female victims and 35

Netherlands committed to its use on February 9, 1995, percent male. Victims both sexes range from infants to four days before MacKay presented the system at an the elderly, depending on the killer's personal quirk. In international conference in China. Since then, ViCLAS

terms of ethnic breakdown, American serial murder vic-has been adopted in Australia, Sweden, and several U.S.

tims are 89 percent Caucasian and 10 percent black; states. FBI agent Mike Cryan, assigned to the VICAP

Asians and Native Americans divide the other one per-program at Quantico, Virginia, described ViCLAS as cent. Forty-two percent of America's serial slayers tar-

"the Cadillac system in the world," and VICAP pioneer get victims of the opposite sex exclusively, while 16

David Cavanaugh (at Harvard University) was equally percent kill only same-sex victims; 39 percent kill at impressed. "The Canadians," Cavanaugh said, "have least one victim of each sex, and the offender's sex done to automated case linkage what the Japanese did remains unknown in 3 percent of all cases, with the with assembly line auto production. They have taken a killers still at large, unseen by living witnesses. Ninety-good American idea and transformed it into the best in four percent of America's "normal" murders involve the world." On December 13, 1995, summarizing police killers and victims of the same race, but serial slayers failures in the case of Ontario TEAM KILLERS Paul fall below the norm, with 65 percent of their recorded Bernardo and Karla Homolka, Justice Archie Campbell murders in the same-race category; another 10 percent recommended that ViCLAS submissions should be

kill only members of a different race, while 11 percent mandatory throughout the province. He wrote:

cross the color line impartially, from one crime to the next. (A lack of evidence leaves the killer's race *Experience shows that it is not enough merely to* unknown in 14 percent of American cases.)

encourage ViCLAS reporting by means of the standard In terms of selection, some 40 percent of America's policies and procedures of

individual forces. Encour-serial stalkers choose their prey on the basis of gender, agement is not enough. Unless the entry of information with female victims outnumbering males by a ratio of into ViCLAS is centrally mandated and enforced 10-to-1. (Male victims selected by gender alone nor-throughout Ontario, and its operation supported mally fall prey to homosexual killers, a group outnum-through training and strong reinforcement of the bered 6-to-1 by "straight" serial slayers.) Potential *reporting requirement, its power to link predatory ser-profit ranks second on the list of criteria for victim ial crimes is greatly weakened.*

selection in serial murder, accounting for 7 percent of American cases. "BLUEBEARD" killers and "BLACK WID-Despite such widespread praise and multiple requests OWS" are especially prone to kill for cash, but the FBI's from its own analysts, FBI headquarters remains stub-Crime Classification Manual (1992) presents a wide bornly opposed to adoption of ViCLAS in place of range of "criminal enterprise" MOTIVES, all founded in VICAP. Given the bureau's history and elitist attitudes, greed, which may apply to serial killers.

that resistance is unlikely to subside in the near future.

Age is the next most common factor in serial victim selection, with 6 percent of America's random killers preying on children or the elderly. A victim's health or **VICTIMOLOGY of Serial Murder**

physical condition is the killer's prime consideration in 3

While serial killers in FICTION AND FILM are often percent of American serial murders, generally involving depicted as twisted geniuses or mute, unfeeling beasts, MEDICAL MURDERS. Race is the dominant factor in vic-272

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tim selection for 2 percent of America's predators, while Except in contract murders, where a victim is selected another 2 percent apparently choose victims on the basis for the killer by third parties, serial killers generally seek of their residence (or lack of same, where killers like out "targets of opportunity," taking victims as they VAUGHN GREENWOOD prey on homeless targets).

come to minimize personal risk. This trait, at least to A victim's specific appearance—as opposed to gen-some degree, accounts for the frequent victimization of eral characteristics of sex, race, or age—seems to be the prostitutes and hitchhikers, both of whom (although for prime criterion for

selection in 1 percent of American very different reasons) specialize in catching rides with serial murders. (William Hanson, San Francisco's total strangers. Other "easy marks" include the home-

"Paper Bag Killer," shot only middle-aged men who less, couples parked in a secluded lover's lane, patients in walked with a limp, mistaking each in turn for the man hospitals or rest homes, and victims surprised in their who once raped his sister.) Occupations doom another own beds by lethal home invaders. Wherever they strike, 1 percent of American serial victims, with prostitutes of psychologists and law enforcement officers agree, serial both sexes dominating the list of job-related murders.

killers behave much like predators in the wild, stalking (College coeds and exotic dancers also rank signifi-the weak and unwary, lying in wait for their prey as they cantly among victims of choice.) Finally, 13 percent of thin out the herd.

American serial killers appear to change their criteria *See also* MODUS OPERANDI

for victim selection over time—as when Robert Shawcross switched from killing children in the early 1970s to prostitutes in 1989—while the basis for selection is **VLASSAKIS, John**

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unknown in 12 percent of all reported cases.

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WAGNER, Robert

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scene, and he often donned oversized clothing and shoes to confuse witnesses. Police captured him on **WANG Ganggang**

November 3, 2003, during "a routine inspection of entertainment venues" in Hebei Province.

Little background information is available today on While most details of Wang's crime spree were sup-China's most prolific serial killer, since state security pressed by official order, the *Guangzhou Daily* told its forces imposed a gag rule on his case in 2003. Officials readers: "His methods were extremely cruel—he didn't say that Wang Ganggang was born in Henan Province leave survivors, and more than a few families were in July 1968, and ran away from home in 1985. Wang's exterminated by his hand." Conflicting reports claimed parents described him as an introverted and

studious that five or 10 victims survived with serious head child who did well in a village boarding school before wounds. Authorities described the

he left at age 17 to work in a coal mine. His last known MOTIVES for Wang's

crimes as rape and robbery, involving detailed surveil-residence in Zhengyang County was a thatched hut lance of potential victims as he roamed from town to with one piece of furniture, a 20-year-old bed, illumi-town. In at least one case, Wang burglarized a home, nated by a single 15-watt lightbulb. He traveled widely then returned the next night to kill its inhabitants and as a rootless drifter, known by a list of pseudonyms, rape a teenage girl. Wang's last raid claimed five victims including Yang Liu, Yang Xinhai, and Yang Zhiya. Train Dongliangxiang, on August 8, 2003, with two versing four provinces on a bicycle, Wang worked odd teenage girls raped after death.

jobs to survive, employed most often as a cook at vari-Wang's murder trial in Henan Province, at Luohe ous construction sites. In 1996, he received a five-year City Intermediate People's Court, consumed all of one sentence for attempted rape at Zhumadian, in Henan hour on February 1, 2004. Wang declined to appeal Province.

his sentence, and he was shot by a military firing Following his release from custody in 1999 or 2000

squad on February 14. His case, coinciding with the (reports differ), Wang was abandoned by his girlfriend.

prosecution of serial killer

That rejection sparked an epic killing spree, beginning HUANG YONG in Henan

Province, brought unwelcome attention to China's in winter 2000, as Wang invaded rural homes and modern rash of serial murders. In both cases, police slaughtered whole families in the style of Ukrainian failed to broadcast alerts while the crimes were in

"Terminator" ANATOLY ONOPRIENKO. Variously armed progress.

with a hammer, meat cleaver, or shovel, Wang claimed at least 67 lives and raped an estimated 25 women during a two-year rampage, including 26 attacks in Anhui,

"WANNA-BES": Would-be serial killers

Hebei, Henan, and Shandong Provinces. Several crime In a society that often grants celebrity—even "folk scenes revealed evidence of necrophilia.

Wang typically hero” status—to violent felons, it should come as no wore gloves, leaving a bloodied white pair at one crime surprise that certain twisted individuals admire and **274**

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seek to emulate infamous killers. As with Wild West myself to kill all of these low-downs,” Vannatta outlaws, Prohibition bootleggers, Depression-era bank wrote, “and I’ll get them all. No stopping until the robbers, and modern ghetto “gang bangers,” so notori-last one is dead.” The list included a local judge ous serial killers also have a fringe-dwelling cult of rapt and prosecutor, plus six members of Vannatta’s admirers. Most such “fans” never progress beyond the family, his stepmother’s name heavily underlined.

stage of being GROUPIES, spending their hard-earned (or

“I’ll get her last,” Vannata wrote, “for in that way, stolen) money on ARTWORK AND MEMORABILIA related the old witch will suffer more from the suspense of to serial murder. Some correspond with caged killers waiting for her just deserts.”

directly; a smaller number visit their idols in person or

• *William Hollenbaugh:* Hollenbaugh tried his best accept collect phone calls from prison; a tiny handful to commit serial murder in Franklin County, Penn-

“fall in love” and marry slayers sentenced to death or a sylvania, between April 1964 and May 1966, but life behind bars.

the ex-convict and sometime mental patient was And some—thankfully a minuscule percentage—

continually frustrated by poor marksmanship in physically imitate the deeds of their “heroes” in real life.

his sniping attacks on local residents and

Contrary to the expressed fears of law enforcement motorists. For two years, the elusive “Mountain personnel and the plot devices of FICTION AND FILM, Man of Shade Gap” terrorized his chosen hunting there seems to be no case on record where an individual ground, but his sole fatality was FBI Agent Terry has consciously, precisely acted out a series of “copy-Anderson, shot from ambush on May 17, 1966,

cat” murders (although one Maryland defendant, near the end of an eight-day manhunt. By that

arrested for beheading his mother in 1989, initially time, Hollenbaugh had been identified, and he was identified himself to the arresting officers as “Hannibal killed while resisting arrest the following day.

Lecter,” psycho-psychiatrist from *Red Dragon* and *The*

• *Rodney Gene Beeler:* A fetish burglar and rapist *Silence of the Lambs*). The closest thing yet to a series in Orange County, California, Beeler was—like at of “copycat” crimes was reported from Georgia in the least seven serial killers before him—forced to late 1970s, where sex slayer WILLIAM HANCE masquer-wear girls’ clothing as a child. That may (or may aded briefly as a racist vigilante, his letters to police not) help to explain his habit of stealing women’s alleging (falsely) that his crimes against black women underwear from homes and laundromats and

were a response to “Stocking Strangler” CARLTON

masturbating into the bras and panties. Later, fol-GARY’s murder of elderly whites. (Hance himself was lowing a burglary conviction, Beeler was exam-black, the notes an effort to divert suspicion form himined by psychiatrists, one of whom wrote in his self to a nonexistent “Chairman of the Forces of Evil.”) report: “Beeler is naturally evil, as some men are Elsewhere, we know that serial killers including CAR-naturally passionate or bellicose, tender or

ROLL EDWARD COLE, British gay-slayer COLIN IRELAND, weak.” A second analyst went so far as to call him and New York “Zodiac” killer Heriberto Seda collected

“soulless” and “a natural enemy of mankind.” In books and/or newspaper clippings about other serial July 1985, Beeler raped and robbed a 53-year-old slayers before they embarked on their own killing woman; five months later, he shot and killed 23-sprees. Cole especially admired “Boston Strangler”

year-old Anthony Stevenson, apparently during a ALBERT DESALVO, while Ireland studied “the FBI man-bungled robbery attempt. Convicted of murder in ual” for details on how to succeed at his game. When July 1988, he was sentenced to death on May 4, asked why he had killed five victims, Ireland told police, 1989.

“I have got the book; I know how many you have to

• *Michael Sams:* A British felon known as “Metal do.” Other practitioners—the frustrated “wanna-bes”

Mickey” for the artificial leg he wore, Sams

examined here—apparently set out to murder a series of abducted 18-year-old prostitute Julie Dart from victims but somehow fell short of their goal, either Leeds on July 9, 1991, demanding $280,000 ran-through clumsiness or pure bad luck. This list includes: som in a series of letters Dart was forced to write.

(One note threatened that a local department store

• *Robert Vannatta:* Vannatta, of Mr. Vernon, Illi-would be firebombed if police ignored the

nois, was sentenced to 199 years in August 1943

demands.) The ransom was never paid, but it

for the July sex-murder of local waitress Norma made no difference to Dart, who was murdered as Bradford. Prior to the killing, Vannatta raped a soon as she had finished writing the letters. Her 19-year-old girl and burglarized local shops, steal-body was found July 14. A final note from the

ing money and weapons. At his arrest, police

killer warned that “Prostitutes are easy to pick up seized Vannatta’s “Diary of Revenge,” including a and I won’t spend any more time in prison for

hit list of eight intended victims. “I promised killing two instead of one!” His second victim, **275**

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abducted from Birmingham on January 22, was

that “It makes me happy to think of all the hurt I not a hooker, though: 25-year-old Stephanie Slater can cause.” Massey hoped to murder 700 victims was a real estate agent. Sams demanded $300,000

before he died, thus achieving the “greatest

for her safe return, and this time the ransom was slaughter and carnage wrought upon the earth by paid, his victim released unharmed. Detectives one man.” Convicted on all counts at trial, he was tracked Sams to his home in Newark, arresting

sentenced to death on October 12, 1994. Massey him in January 1992; he subsequently confessed to was executed by lethal injection on April 3, 2001.

Julie Dart’s murder, whereupon he was sentenced

• *Todd Rizzo:* An 18-year-old resident of Waterbury, to life imprisonment.

Connecticut, Rizzo was yet another avid fan of

• *Todd Everett Fluette* and *David Allen Kring:* This infamous serial killers, citing JEFFREY DAHMER as pair may actually have achieved serial-killer status his personal favorite. Discharged from the Marine in San Diego, California, but since they were

Corps after less than a year in uniform, Rizzo set charged with and convicted of only one murder, about emulating his hero in October 1997. Luring they officially rank as “wannabes.” Between

a 13-year-old neighbour into his back yard “to November 4 and December 8, 1991, three men

hunt snakes,” Rizzo then knocked the boy down, were stabbed to death in the vicinity of Balboa

“sat on him like a horse and hit him a bunch of Park, their bodies hacked and mutilated in a grisly times in the head” with a sledgehammer. Linked to pattern of overkill. Investigation led detectives to the murder by a witness who saw his car near the US Navy seamen Fluette and Kring, who had

spot where the body was dumped, Rizzo told

boasted to fellow sailors of “rolling bums” and police the murder was committed for “no good

“killing faggots” in Balboa Park. Their “jokes”

reason. It was like a sort of urge, I guess.”

included references to “skinning the skin off the

• *Aida Nourredin Mohammed Abu Zeid:* A 25-faggots like you would skin a potato,” and while year-old Egyptian nurse at a Cairo hospital, Abu other seamen did not take the conversations seri-Zeid was arrested on December 17, 1997,

ously, they described Kring and Fluette as “serial charged with killing one patient and attempting to killer nuts” who openly admired JOHN GACY,

murder 29 others. Her MOTIVE was revenge

THEODORE BUNDY, and the unidentified “ZODIAC.”

against a hospital physician who shunned her

Indicted for the murder of 48-year-old Michael romantic overtures. After confessing the crimes, Hamilton (the third victim), Kring pled guilty in Abu Zeid attempted suicide by leaping from a

July 1992; on August 13, he was sentenced to a third-story window.

prison term of 25 years to life. Fluette went on trial

• *Hayward Bissell:* A 37-year-old Ohio resident, five days later, was convicted of the same murder on Bissell went berserk in DeKalb County, Alabama, August 31, and was sentenced to life imprisonment on January 23, 2000, ramming one man with his

without parole. Both defendants deny any role in car and stabbing another, then knifing the second the other two murders, and those cases remain offi-victim's dogs to death before he fled the scene.

cially unsolved.

When police stopped Bissell's car, they found a

• *Jason Massey:* Another fan of Ted Bundy and of woman's headless body strapped in the passenger

"Night Stalker" RICHARD RAMIREZ, Massey

seat. In addition to beheading girlfriend Patricia recorded his ghoulish aspirations in a 500-page Booher, Bissell also cut out her heart, then severed diary he titled "Slayer's Book of Death." He also one hand and one leg. Arresting officers removed kept a cooler filled with rotting animal heads at her larynx from his pocket. Police subsequently his home in Ennis, Texas, 60 miles southwest of determined that Bissell killed Booher at a rest stop Dallas. On the night of July 26, 1993, Massey

in Georgia. At trial in February 2002, Bissell pled began his campaign by murdering 14-year-old

"guilty but insane" and received a life prison James King and his 13-year-old stepsister

term.

Christina Benjamin from Garrett, Texas. Both

• *John Allan:* British slayer John Allan poisoned were shot, then decapitated, with their hands and girlfriend Cheryl Lewis with cyanide in October feet severed and further mutilations inflicted on 1998, while the couple was on holiday in Luxor, their torsos. Local police had a record of com-Egypt. One year earlier, the 48-year-old industrial plaints against Massey dating back to 1987 when chemist had forged a will in Lewis's name, making he was 15 years old. Investigators turned up evi-himself the beneficiary of her £460,000 estate.

dence linking him to the murders, and he was

When police arrested Allan in February 1999,

indicted on August 11, 1993. At trial, his diary they found enough cyanide in his car to kill 600

helped the prosecution, with its frank admission people—some of it allegedly earmarked for cur-276

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rent girlfriend Jennifer Hughes. Detectives dubbed present danger of the repetition of serious criminal Allan a profit-motivated "BLUEBEARD KILLER,"

acts from which society must be protected by plac-and while they also suspected him of shooting his ing him in preventative custody."

second wife in Zambia (she survived), no charges

• *Michael Hernandez:* Before fatally stabbing an were filed in that case. Jurors convicted Allan of eighth-grade classmate on February 3, 2004, 14-murdering Lewis on March 8, 2000, and he

year-old Michael Hernandez filled a notebook

received a life sentence.

with doodles and jottings that revealed his fascina-

• *Patrick Lee Harned:* Seventeen-year-old Patrick tion with violent crime. One note, released to the Harned was living with a convicted sex offender in press by police in Palmetto Bay, Florida, disclosed February 1999, when he strangled a seven-year-Hernandez's plan for life: "You will be a serial old girl and hid her corpse under the floorboards killer and mass murderer, stay alone, never forget of his parents' home in Astoria, Oregon. Jailed God ever, have a cult and plan a mass kidnapping pending trial on aggravated murder charges,

for new world . . . be an expert thief etc." Author-Harned penned a letter asking imprisoned "Happy ities charged Hernandez as an adult, with first-Face Killer" KEITH JESPERSON for advice on his degree murder. Trial in his case was pending when legal defense. Defense attorneys cited Harned's this volume went to press.

correspondence with dozens of convicted felons as evidence of mental illness. Harned received a sentence of life imprisonment without parole on

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November 9, 2000.

While generalizations are admittedly hazardous, psy-

• *Michael Leopold:* Following his arrest for aggra-chologists have long recognized certain childhood or vated assault on a streetwalker, this 38-year-old adolescent behaviors as symptoms of violence to come resident of Vancouver, British Columbia, informed in adulthood. The often-cited

“triad” of warning signs, psychiatrists of his longstanding desire to torture including ARSON, cruelty toward animals, and persis-and kill prostitutes. He received an 11-year prison tent adolescent enuresis (bed-wetting) was originally sentence in that case, on August 25, 2000. Police identified from a single anonymous case in the 1940s, briefly considered Leopold a suspect in the disap-but time has proved at least the general validity of all pearance of more than 20 Vancouver hookers, but three symptoms as indicators of a child with serious that case was apparently resolved with the arrest of mental/emotional problems.

suspect Robert Pickton.

The FBI elaborated on those very basic guidelines

• *Mathew Hardman:* On July 16, 2002, police in with its study of 36 sexually motivated killers con-Llanfair, Wales, reported the arrest of a 17-year-ducted between 1979 and 1983. Questions of the old art student for the November 2001 mutila-study’s validity to serial murder in general arise from tion-slaying of 94-year-old Mabel Leyshon.

the fact that all of those questioned were male, all but Evidence produced at trial revealed that Hard-three of them white, and no killer with other than sex-man was obsessed with VAMPIRISM and drank

ual MOTIVES was included for study, but the results are Leyshon’s blood in a quest for immortality. He still instructive. According to the Bureau’s published also removed the victim’s heart, wrapped it in results, 43 percent of the killers were sexually abused in newspaper, and placed it in a saucepan on a silver childhood; 73 percent reported “sexually stressful platter. Convicted of murder on August 2, 2002, events”; 72 percent admitted childhood fetishism; 68

Hardman was sentenced to a minimum of 12

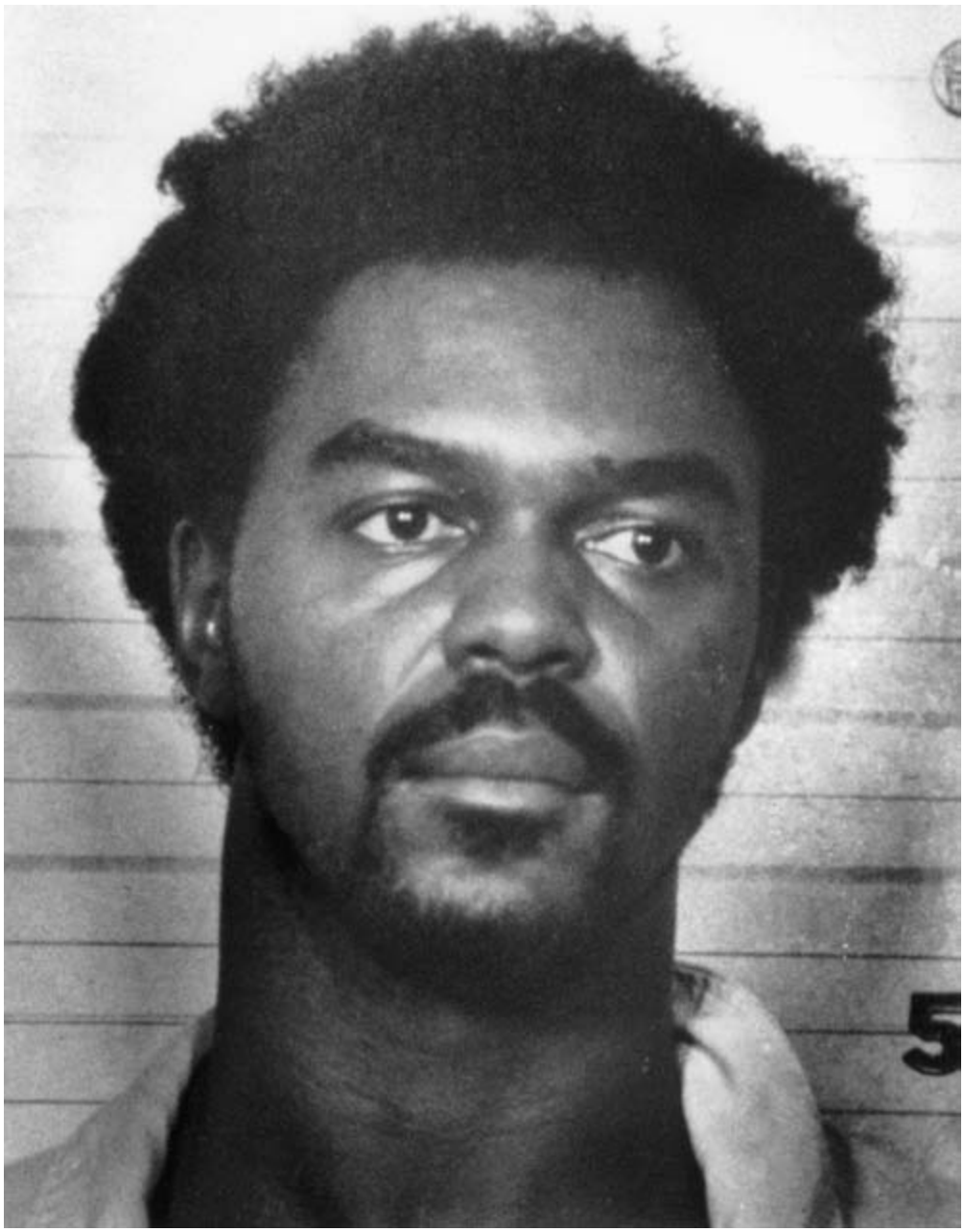
percent suffered from enuresis as children (60 percent years in prison.

lasting into adolescence); 56 percent set fires in child-

• *Name withheld:* On March 26, 2003, a judge in hood (52 percent in their teens); 36 percent tortured Oslo, Norway, sentenced an unnamed 21-year-old animals as children (46 percent in adolescence); 54 per-ballet dancer to 15 years in prison for strangling a cent were cruel to childhood peers (64 percent as ado-prostitute. Evidence presented in court revealed lescents); 71 percent were chronic liars; and 38 percent the defendant as a devotee of serial murder who assaulted adults (up to a whopping 84 percent in ado-hallucinated a personal friendship with British lescence).

slayer DENNIS NILSEN. In passing sentence, Judge In addition to behavioral traits, analysts have also Gudrun Andvord declared, “The court finds that compiled lists of medical or genetic symptoms displayed since his interest in death, murder, mutilation of by so-called BAD SEEDS, allegedly predestined to vio-corpses, necrophilia, serial killers, violent pornog-lence. While such diagnoses dating from the moments raphy and more continues, and if he does not

after birth (or even from prenatal tests) are perilous, develop or change his personality, then there is a potentially branding innocuous children as “violence **277**



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prone," it is equally clear that behavioral indicators, ings. In April 1980, 18-year-old Shirley Small was especially those involving violent or destructive activity hacked to death in her apartment, followed by 20-year- in childhood, should be viewed with grave concern by old Glenda Richmond in July and 29-year-old Rebecca parents, counselors, and teachers.

Huff in September. Canadian authorities believe Watts *See also* JUVENILE KILLERS; PARAPHILIAS

may have crossed the border into Windsor that October, assaulting 20-year-old Sandra Dalpe outside her apartment, leaving her near death with multiple stab **WATERFIELD, Fred**

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wounds to the face and throat.

By that time, Watts had fallen under scrutiny from local homicide investigators. A task force was orga-WATTS, Coral Eugene

nized in July 1980 to probe the Sunday slashings, and Born at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1953, Coral Watts grew Watts was placed under sporadic surveillance, a up on the move, attending public schools in Texas, West November court order permitting officers to plant a Virginia, and Michigan before finishing high school—

homing device in his car. Despite pursuit by squad cars after a fashion—in Inkster, a Detroit suburb. Despite a and a helicopter, though, Watts managed to commit at tested IQ of 75, he was admitted to Western Michigan least one murder while police were on his trail. Fired University at Kalamazoo and was enrolled there when from his job as a diesel mechanic in March 1981, he he started acting out his violent fantasies against moved south to Houston, leaving the murder investiga-women in October 1974.

tion at loose ends. Michigan authorities alerted their His first two victims managed to survive when Watts Texas counterparts, but Watts was accustomed to living came knocking on the doors of their apartments, start-under surveillance. He found a new mechanic’s job and ing on October 25. Watts choked them both uncon-started visiting a local church, sometimes living with scious, leaving them for dead with not attempt at rape relatives, other times out of his car.

or robbery, but he was disappointed when the press And the murders continued.

reported both of them were still alive. He found knives more efficient, claiming his first fatality on October 30

when 19-year-old Gloria Steele was stabbed 33 times and discarded near campus.

Identified as a suspect in the nonfatal assaults, Watts had himself committed to a state hospital on the advice of his attorney, refusing to answer any questions about the Steele murder case. Fourteen months after the fact, he struck a bargain with Kalamazoo prosecutors, pleading guilty to

one assault in return for dismissal of another similar charge, accepting a one-year sentence in the county jail. Upon release, he moved to Ann Arbor, marrying long enough to father a child, but his deep-seated hatred of women made the relationship untenable, and he was divorced in May 1980.

Meanwhile, Watts was hunting. When his marriage started showing signs of strain, he spent some time with relatives in the Detroit suburb of Grosse Pointe Farms, jogging by night to keep himself in shape. On October 31, 1979, he invaded the home of 35-year-old Jeanne Clyne, slashing her to death—again without attempting rape or robbery—before he fled. Eyewitnesses described an African-American man jogging near the scene, but homicide detectives had no way of linking their case with a five-year-old series of crimes against women in Kalamazoo.

Back in Ann Arbor, Watts entered criminal history as the "Sunday Morning Slasher," claiming at least three victims in motiveless, random attacks committed between 3:00 and 5:00 A.M. on peaceful Sunday morn-

Coral Watts (Author's collection)

On March 27, 1981, Edith Ledet, a 34-year-old med-

"as pure fantasies which resolve to a large extent ical student, was stabbed to death while jogging in around the struggle against the 'evil' he sees every-Houston. Six months later, on September 12, 25-year-where."

old Elizabeth Montgomery was attacked while walking On August 9, 1982, with jury selection under way her dog at midnight, staggering into her nearby apart-for his trial, Watts struck a controversial bargain with ment before she collapsed. Two hours later, 21-year-old the prosecutor's office. In return for his guilty plea on Susan Wolfe was knifed to death outside her apartment, burglary charges and acceptance of a 60-year prison nearby, presumed to be a victim of the same assailant.

sentence—the equivalent of life imprisonment in The new year brought no respite from horrors in Texas—Watts would clear the books on several

Houston. In January, 27-year-old Phyllis Tamm was unsolved Houston murders while escaping trial for found on the campus of Rice University, hanged with an homicide.

article of her own clothing; another Rice student, 25-With the deal complete and Watts compelled to serve year-old Margaret Fossi, was killed that same month, a minimum of 20 years before consideration for parole,

found in the trunk of her car, her larynx crushed by a he confessed to 10 Houston murders, including those of powerful blow that produced death by asphyxiation.

victims Wolfe, Jefferson, Montgomery, Fossi, Semander, On February 7, Elena Semander, a 20-year-old coed, Searles, Garcia, Tamm, Ledet, and Maday. He also was found strangled and partially nude in a trash bin, threw in some surprises, including the nonfatal slashing not far from a tavern where she had spent the evening.

of a Galveston 19-year-old, attacked on January 30, In March 1982, Emily LaQua was reported missing 1982, and the “accidental” death of 22-year-old Linda from Brookshire, Texas, 40 miles north of Houston, but Tilley, found floating in an Austin, Texas, swimming authorities drew no immediate connection with the pool on September 5, 1981. Other nonfatal assaults spate of unsolved murders. On March 31, 20-year-old were also cleared in Austin, Galveston, and Seabrook, Mary Castillo was found, strangled and seminude, in a Texas.

Houston ditch. Three nights later, 19-year-old Christine Watts led authorities to the remains of victims Sear-McDonald vanished while hitchhiking home from a les and Jefferson in Houston, directing other searchers party on the Rice campus. Suzanne Searles, 25, joined to the body of Emily LaQua, near Brookshire, and he the missing list on April 5, her shoes and broken specta-was still talking when Michigan weighed in with cles recovered from her car in the parking lot of her charges in the murder of Jeanne Clyne. Swapping testi-apartment complex. Carrie Mae Jefferson, age 32, van-mony for immunity, Watts ran his score up to 13 con-ished after working the night shift on April 15, and 26-fessed murders with the Clyne case, but detectives year-old Yolanda Degracia was killed the following suggest that his actual body count includes a minimum night, stabbed six times in her home. High school stu-of 22 victims. On September 3, 1982, Watts received his dent Sheri Strait disappeared with her mother’s car on 60-year sentence, the judge declaring, “I hope they put May 1, the car and her body recovered together on May you so deep in the penitentiary that they’ll have to pipe 4. Two weeks later, Gloria Cavallis, a 32-year-old sunlight to you.”

exotic dancer, was found dead in a trash dumpster, her Tough talk aside, Watts remained eligible for parole, body wrapped in cast-off curtains.

and Texas residents were outraged in July 2002 when On the morning of May 23, 1982—a Sunday—

they learned that his release had been scheduled for Watts was caught while fleeing from the Houston May 2006. Ex-judge Doug Shaver, who sentenced

apartment where he had assaulted tenants Lori Lister Watts in 1982, told reporters, “It makes me kind of and Melinda Aguilar. Lister was half-drowned in the sick. It’s the most unforgettable case I ever had before bathtub, while Aguilar escaped by leaping from the me, and he’s the most dangerous person I’ve ever come balcony and calling for help. Held in lieu of $50,000

face to face with. When he gets out, some woman is bond, Watts was charged with two counts of attempted going to die.” Texas authorities denied Watts’s fifth murder, plus burglary and aggravated assault. On the parole bid in November 2002, repeating that the law day of his arrest, another victim, 20-year-old Michelle required them to free him in 2006, at age 52. Relief Maday, was found strangled to death in the bathtub of came from Michigan, where prosecutors announced a her Houston apartment.

new murder indictment in March 2004. The victim in Psychiatrists declared Watts sane but noted his that case, 36-year-old Helen Dutcher, was slain in the pathological hatred of women, whom he regarded as Detroit suburb of Ferndale on December 1, 1979.

evil incarnate. The feelings dated back to childhood, Police initially lacked evidence to charge Watts with the Watts said, when a favorite uncle was allegedly killed crime, so Dutcher’s murder was excluded from the list by female relatives. Diagnosed as a paranoid schizo-of homicides for which Watts had immunity. Extradited phrenic, Watts was said to view the world around him to Michigan in April 2004, Watts filed a not guilty plea **279**

WEAPONS Preferred by Serial Killers

at his arraignment on June 17. Michigan jurors convicted Watts of first-degree murder on November 17, 2004, in the December 1979 slaying of Helen Fuchter.

He received a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment.

WEAPONS Preferred by Serial Killers

When it comes to choice of weapons, American serial killers defy all national norms. In 1996, according to the FBI's *Uniform Crime Report,* 68 percent of American murders were committed with firearms, 26 percent were the result of hands-on violence—stabbing, beating, strangulation—and another 6 percent were committed by other means, including ARSON, BOMBS and poison. Serial slayers, by contrast, prefer the personal Murder tools of Britain's "Yorkshire Ripper" (Author's touch: 51 percent kill manually, versus 22 percent who collection)

rely exclusively on guns and 10 percent who utilized

"other" means; another 14 percent alternate between shooting and manual attacks, and 3 percent—including sex with more than 100 prostitutes after learning that killers like HENRY LUCAS and OTTIS TOOLE—use any-he was HIV positive. Italian police published photos thing and everything available as homicidal tools.

of prostitute Giuseppina Barbieri in February 1998, (Lucas once bragged that he had murdered using declaring that the HIV positive woman

had engaged in

“everything but poison,” including victims who were unsafe sex with a staggering 5,000 clients. The same crucified, run down with cars, and burned alive.) month brought announcements that Darnell McGee, a In classifying sexually motivated killers as “ORGA-Missouri AIDS carrier murdered in January 1997, had NIZED” and “DISORGANIZED,” FBI analysts determined infected at least 18 of his 100-plus sex partners since that the first group normally planned their crimes in his illness was diagnosed in 1992. The first U.S. crimi-detail, procuring any necessary weapons well ahead of nal charges on record were filed against Nushawn time, and the latter type more often killed on impulse, Williams, jailed on a New York drug charge in Sep-thus arriving unprepared, and found their weapons tember 1997, who later admitted seducing girls with waiting for them at the murder scene. “Disorganized”

crack cocaine and having unprotected sex with his offenders also have a tendency to leave their tools sedated victims. At least a dozen teenage girls were behind, often with useful fingerprints, while their thus infected, resulting in a February 1999 guilty plea

“organized” competitors keep (or dispose of) their on charges of reckless endangerment and statutory weapons in an effort to avoid detection.

rape. (He received a sentence of four to 12 years in A significant break from the serial-killing “norm” is prison.) Tennessee divorcée Pamela Wiser cited seen when drugs and poisons are employed. Aside from revenge as a motive for exposing 50 men to her dis-MEDICAL MURDERS wherein both male and female

ease. In December 1998 she pled guilty on 22 counts killers display a fondness for lethal injections, the great of criminal exposure and received a 26-year prison majority of poisoners are women, typically “BLACK

term.

WIDOWS” who spice their home cooking with unortho-The first case of an HIV-positive defendant charged dox ingredients ranging from arsenic to antifreeze. This with deliberate murder was reported from Hamilton, tendency of female slayers to avoid the use of shotguns, Ontario, in February 2005. Johnson Aziga, 48 years axes, and piano wire has prompted some authors to old, was initially indicted in 2004 for endangering the dub them “gentle” killers, but that designation fails to lives of 13 women, with

whom he had unprotected sex recognize the suffering endured by many victims of suc-despite his knowledge that he carried AIDS. Seven of cessive deadly doses that result in blindness, seizures, Aziga's unknowing partners later tested positive for hemorrhages, and a protracted, agonizing death.

HIV, and two died from AIDS-related illnesses, in By the later 1990s, human bodily fluids themselves December 2003 and May 2004. Nine months after the were sometimes considered weapons of multiple mur- second death, Canadian prosecutors charged Aziga der, as authorities worldwide pursued individuals with two counts of first-degree murder. No trial date accused of deliberately infecting multiple sex partners had been scheduled for Aziga's case at press time for with HIV (the incurable virus that causes AIDS). In this volume.

Finland, Stephen Thomas reportedly had unprotected *See also* MODUS OPERANDI; MOTIVES

school, Fred also displayed a perverse sexual interest in In August 1992, police in Gloucester, England, his younger sisters. One later claimed to have carried launched an investigation of child-abuse charges filed his child, though Fred blamed the pregnancy on his against local contractor Frederick West and his wife father. At age 17, a motorcycle crash left Fred comatose Rosemary. Both suspects were arrested on August 6, for a week. He woke to find a thick metal plate in his Fred charged with rape and sodomy of a minor, his wife skull and one leg permanently shorter than the other.

held as an accomplice to the crime. Large quantities of Disfigurement did not prevent him from romancing 16-pornography were seized from the family home at 25

year-old prostitute Catherine "Rena" Costello, but she Cromwell Street, but the case collapsed when two soon moved to Scotland, leaving Fred to play the field.

young witnesses refused to testify. Still, detectives and One target pushed him from a fire escape after Fred social workers continued their investigation of the thrust a hand up her skirt, resulting in another head strange family, and that persistence revealed a festering wound.

nightmare.

In 1961, Fred and a friend were fined for shoplifting.

The abortive case against Fred and Rosemary West Later that year, he was accused of impregnating a 13-was not their first brush with the law. Twenty years ear-year-old neighbor. At his trial for statutory rape, a lier, they had been charged with assaulting another physician testified that West suffered from epileptic young victim, 16-year-old Caroline Raine. Raine was seizures. The news saved him from jail, but not from pregnant when the Wests picked her up in September conviction. The jury's vote left West a convicted child 1972, hitchhiking from Tewksbury to Cinderford in molester at age 20. Rena Costello returned to pick up search of work. They hired Raine on the spot, to serve their relationship in summer 1962, bringing word that as nanny for their children, but she soon grew nervous she was pregnant by an Asian bus driver. Fred told his in their company. Fred West incessantly discussed her parents that the child was his and married Rena in pregnancy, offering an amateur abortion if Raine November 1962, embarking on a life in Scotland. When changed her mind about keeping the child. She soon left daughter Charmaine was born in March 1963, Fred their home, but met the Wests again in December, once wrote his mother that the child had been stillborn, again while thumbing rides. Raine was barely in the car prompting him to adopt a mixed-race replacement.

before Fred beat her unconscious, bound her, and drove Despite her background as a streetwalker, Rena soon her home for a sadistic "genital examination" that balked at Fred's nonstop demands for sex, including included flogging Raine's vagina with a belt. They sodomy and bondage. Dissatisfied, Fred sated his threatened to kill Raine and bury her "under the paving desires with young girls he met on his job as driver of stones of Gloucester," but she screamed for help when a an ice cream truck. Rena bore a second daughter, Anne-visitor came to the door, landing the Wests in jail. Rape Marie, in 1964, around the same time that Fred struck charges were dismissed, but the Wests pled guilty to and killed a young boy with his truck. Fearing that he indecent assault with bodily harm, paying a £100 fine.

would lose his job, he moved the family to Gloucester The new investigation cost Fred and Rosemary the and found work in a slaughterhouse, where he devel-custody of their six youngest children, as new details of oped (in the words of British author Colin Wilson) "a kinky

sex and violence emerged from 25 Cromwell morbid obsession with corpses and blood and dismem-Street. Worse yet, the children sent to foster care voiced berment." Rena went back to Scotland in 1965, leaving fears of being planted "under the patio like Heather" if both children with Fred, and in her absence Gloucester they spoke against their parents. Sixteen-year-old recorded eight rapes by a man matching West's descrip-Heather West had dropped from sight in June 1987, tion. When Rena returned in July 1966, she found Fred without benefit of a missing-person report from her living with another woman, Anna McFall. That sight parents. When questioned, Fred and Rosemary insisted prompted a visit to police, where Rena denounced Fred that Heather had left school and home for a job at a as a pervert unfit to raise children.

holiday camp in Devon. Searchers arrived to dig up the Anna announced her own pregnancy in early 1967, Wests' garden on February 24, 1994. The search was but Fred took the news badly. He killed Anna that July still in progress on February 25, when Fred confessed to and dismembered her body, retaining her fingers and killing Heather and burying her in the garden. By then, toes as grim TROPHIES of the act when he buried her police had found sufficient evidence to know that she (and her unborn child) in a field near Much Marcle.

was not alone.

Rena soon rejoined the dysfunctional family, turning Fred West was born in 1941, the first of seven chil-tricks in her free time while Fred openly fondled daugh-dren born within a decade to Walter and Daisy West at ter Charmaine. Some investigators now believe he mur-Much Marcle, 120 miles west of London. A poor stu-dered 15-year-old Mary Bastholm in January 1968, after dent who was frequently punished for misbehavior at snatching her from a Gloucester bus stop. As evidence, **281**

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investigators note that West patronized a market where kinky sex life. They put ads in swingers' newspapers Bastholm worked, and that one witness claims to have and hired babysitters to watch their children while they seen the girl in his car. West later admitted grabbing scoured Gloucester for "young virgins." At least one of other victims from bus stops, but he was never charged those babysitters was also drugged and raped.

with Bastholm’s murder. Daisy West died in February In June 1972, Rosemary bore another daughter,

1968, and Fred soon embarked on a series of workplace named Mae. That arrival prompted a move to larger petty thefts that cost him one job after another. Novem-quarters, at 25 Cromwell Street, boasting a garage and ber 1968 found him driving a bakery truck, when he large basement. The Wests took in boarders to cover met teenage prostitute Rosemary Letts.

their bills, while Fred converted the cellar into a private Rosemary was born in November 1953, the daughter torture chamber. Daughter Anne-Marie was its first vic-of a violent schizophrenic father and a clinically tim, raped repeatedly by Fred with the advice that he depressed mother who endured sessions of electroshock was preparing her for marriage. As with Rosemary, Fred therapy while pregnant with her daughter. Household also invited strange men to molest his daughter. (Fred punishments included frequent beatings, marathon gar-impregnated his daughter once, then procured an abor-dening sessions, and dousings with buckets of cold water tion when the fetus developed in her fallopian tube.) The when the children overslept. Slow-witted and afflicted assault on Caroline Raine followed in December 1972, with nervous tics, Rosemary was nicknamed “Dozy while Rosemary was pregnant once again, and the Wests Rosie” for her habit of lapsing into semiconscious dream escaped with a small fine in January 1973 after persuad-states. Obesity made matters worse, subjecting her to ing the court that Raine had consented to rough sex.

constant ridicule from peers. Forbidden to date by her Lynda Gough, a 21-year-old seamstress, joined the father, she fondled her brother and teased older men on Wests as a live-in nanny in 1973, but the relationship the sly, at least one of whom raped her. Soon Rosemary soon soured. Fred murdered and dismembered her, began selling sex on the streets. Her parents separated in removing Gough’s fingers, toes, and kneecaps before he early 1969, and Rosemary startled neighbors by moving buried her remains in the basement. Son Stephen was in with her father. Their odd relationship fueled rumors born in August, but his arrival failed to halt the of incest that remain unsubstantiated.

progress of a grisly pattern at 25 Cromwell Street. Two Bill Letts opposed his daughter’s relationship with months later, the Wests kidnapped 15-year-old Carol Fred West, but his threats proved ineffective. West was Cooper, abused her sexually, then strangled and dis-sentenced to prison in

1969 for his till-tapping exploits, membered her before burying her in their cellar. On but Rosemary stood by him; the couple were already December 27, 1973, Fred snatched Lucy Partington, a expecting their first child. Heather West was born in 21-year-old college student, from a Gloucester bus stop.

1970, increasing Rosemary's resentment of the burden She was raped and tortured for a week before she posed by Charmaine and Anne-Marie. Eight-year-old joined the other victims in a basement grave. Fred clum-Charmaine disappeared in June 1971, with Fred still in sily cut himself while truncating Lucy's remains and jail, Rosemary explaining that mother Rena had come was forced to visit a hospital emergency room for to claim her eldest child while leaving Anne-Marie stitches on January 13, 1974.

behind. Rosemary committed the murder, but Fred left The latest victims were reported missing by their prison on June 24, in time to bury the small corpse families, but police had no clue to their whereabouts for beneath their home at 25 Midland Road. Before plant-nearly two decades. Meanwhile, the Wests continued ing the child and pouring concrete over her grave, he their experiments in bondage, rape, and murder. A removed her fingers, toes, and kneecaps.

Swiss hitchhiker, 21-year-old Thérèsa Siegenthaler, Despite the birth of her child, Rosemary's parents joined the growing list of victims on April 16, 1974.

still tried to reclaim her from West, but she balked at Fifteen-year-old Shirley Hubbard was kidnapped on leaving her married lover. Her passion was tempered November 14, 1974, followed by 19-year-old Juanita with fear, it seemed. Rosemary once told her parents, Mott on April 11, 1975. All found their way to the

"You don't know him. There's nothing he wouldn't basement graveyard, dismembered and buried with no do—even murder." Fred also invited various men to the public link to the Wests. At least one victim beside Midland Road house, where he watched them have sex Anne-Marie survived the basement dungeon. Known with Rosemary. Rena, meanwhile, had returned to only as "Miss A" in court documents, she was lured investigate Charmaine's disappearance, prompting Fred home by the Wests sometime in 1976, then raped by to strangle her in August 1971. Once again he dismem-Fred and sexually assaulted by Rosemary. Reporting the bered the body, retaining its fingers and toes before he incident to police years

after the fact, Miss A also buried the rest in a field near Much Marcle. Fred and described two other naked female victims in the cellar, Rosemary married in January 1972 and continued their neither of whom is publicly identified.

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Rosemary produced another daughter, Tara, in

land Road home. In time, he spoke of 20 other

December 1977. A short time later, Shirley Robinson, an unnamed victims, taunting police with an offer to reveal 18-year-old bisexual prostitute, moved into 25 Cromwell their corpses at a rate of one per year.

Street, cheerfully accommodating the desires of both Rose feigned shock at Fred's confessions, but police Fred and Rosemary. Fred soon impregnated Robinson, believed she had full knowledge of the crimes and may while Rosemary carried the child of a West Indian visitor.

have been a willing participant. The strongest case was Fred was proud of the double pregnancy, but Rosemary that of Charmaine West, murdered while Fred was serv-grew jealous of Robinson and demanded her removal.

ing time in jail. Initially charged with sex crimes on Fred complied, slaying Robinson in June 1978, dismem-April 18, 1994, Rosemary maintained a pose of out-bering her and the fetus she carried. Deeming the base-raged innocence. At their first joint hearing, she shied ment plot full to capacity, Fred buried his latest victims in from Fred's touch and told police he sickened her.

the garden outside. Rose delivered her mixed-race Although Fred had started the charade, public rejection daughter, named Louise, in November 1978, bringing wounded him. Charged with 12 murders on December the total number of children at home to six.

13, 1994, he wrote to Rosemary: "We will always be in The next known victim on Cromwell Street, 17-year-love. You will always be Mrs. West, all over the world.

old Alison Chambers, was tortured, murdered, and dis-That is important to me and to you." She failed to membered in September 1979. She joined Shirley answer, and Fred grew despondent. On January 1, Robinson and her unnamed child in the garden grave-1995, he hanged himself in prison, using strips of bed-yard. Anne-Marie soon left home to live with a sheet as a noose.

boyfriend, whereupon Fred shifted his incestuous atten-Robbed of their prime suspect, prosecutors charged tions to Heather and Mae, beating them when they Rosemary with 10 counts of murder (excluding victims resisted. He still had time for Rosemary, as well, siring Rena West and Ann McFall). Her trial convened on another son, Barry, born in June 1980. Two more chil-October 3, 1995, with prosecution witnesses including dren followed—Rosemary Jr. in April 1982 and

Caroline Raine, “Miss A,” and daughter Anne-Marie.

Lucyanna in July 1983—but neither was Fred’s biologi-Their testimony established Rosemary’s sexual sadism cal offspring. No further victims are identified from that beyond reasonable doubt, though none had witnessed period, though police believe the Wests probably con-any homicides. Still, Raine’s memory of threatened bur-tinued their predatory lifestyle. At home, Rose grew ial on Cromwell Street made the link, supporting prose-increasingly violent and irrational, raging and beating cutor Brian Leveson’s contention that Rosemary could the children without apparent cause.

not have been oblivious while Fred filled their basement Heather West spilled details of her sordid life to and garden with corpses. Rosemary’s plea of monumen-friends in 1986, but no one thought to notify police tal ignorance fell on deaf ears, as the court convicted about the ghoulish goings-on. Fred and Rosemary her on all counts, imposing 10 life sentences. The silenced Heather forever on June 19, 1987, adding her

“House of Horrors” on Cromwell Street was demol-dismembered remains to the garden boneyard while ished in October 1996, paved over in July 1997 as an informing the rest of their children that Heather had unassuming pedestrian walkway. (Plans for a memorial left home. Unknowingly, son Stephen helped to dig his garden were rejected, in fear that the place might attract sister’s grave. That secret remained inviolate until Feb-murder GROUPIES.) On July 30, 1997, Home Secretary ruary 1994, when police arrived with excavating tools Jack Straw rejected Rosemary’s appeal, decreeing that and carried Fred away to jail.

she should remain in prison for the rest of her life.

In custody, on February 25, Fred West admitted Elsewhere, grim tragedy stalked other members of killing Heather and burying her in the garden. “The the West family. Fred’s brother, 54-year-old John, was thing I’d like to stress,” he said, “is that Rose knew jailed in autumn 1996 on

charges of raping a niece nothing at all.” Discovery of a third human leg in the more than 300 times. On November 29, he followed garden brought detectives back to question Fred again.

Fred’s lead, hanging himself in jail. Anne-Marie West He pointed out the graves of Shirley Robinson and Ali-attempted suicide in November 1999, leaping from a son Chambers, then reluctantly directed searchers to his bridge near Gloucester, but bystanders pulled her from basement body cache. In some cases, West had not the river in time to save her life. Brother Stephen, jilted bothered to learn his victims’ names. He called Thérèsa by a girlfriend, tried to hang himself in January 2002, Siegenthaler “Tulip,” in the mistaken belief she was but the rope snapped and spared him.

Dutch, and dubbed another victim “Scar Hand,” for a On March 5, 2000, Rosemary West launched a new burn that caught his eye. As talks proceeded, Fred sent appeal, claiming to possess photographic proof that officers to the Much Marcle fields where Rena West and Fred had killed alone, without her help. Those pictures Ann McFall were buried, then on to his former Mid-never surfaced, but police raided the home of a London **283**

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pedophile on March 17, 2000, seizing pornographic breathe a little easier. In time, they would forget, but videotapes that included footage of Rosemary sexually homicide detectives would continue searching for their abusing children. One investigator called the tapes “the man across a decade, covering the same ground end-grossest and vilest type you can imagine. It features lessly without result. A possible solution to the case has Rose committing grossly indecent acts on young girls.

been suggested in the person of Brandon Tholmer, con-Several are under age and one of them looks to be only fined for three years to a state mental hospital after rap-about five.” Detectives labored in vain to identify those ing a 79-year-old woman in October 1975. Tholmer victims, one Scotland Yard spokesman telling reporters, lived in the area and committed home invasion crimes

“They may have been murdered. Fred West spoke of similar to those of the West Side Rapist. Eleven years more than 20 before he killed himself, so it is important later, in 1986, Tholmer—then 37—was sentenced to life to find out who the girls are on the film. Most of their in prison for the rape-slayings of four elderly women victims were in their teens but we are now wondering if since 1981. To date, no evidence has been produced they

could have been involved in the abduction and connecting Tholmer with the earlier series of murders, murder of small children."

and the West Side Rapist remains officially unidentified.

That mystery remains unsolved today, but Rosemary gave up the last of her appeals on September 30, 2001.

A formal statement, issued via her attorney, declared: "I **WILDER, Christopher Bernard**

do not believe that even if I was released that I could Born March 13, 1945, Christopher Wilder was the ever relax or feel free, be left alone or have any peace of product of an international marriage between an Amer- mind. More importantly, I would not be able to resume ican naval officer and an Australian native. A sickly a normal relationship with my family." Rosemary apol-child from the beginning, Wilder was given last rites as ogized to Anne-Marie, claiming that "I would love to an infant. Two years later, he nearly drowned in a be reconciled and have contact with her." In respect to a swimming pool; at age three, he suffered convulsions planned TV documentary on her case, Rosemary said, while riding with his parents in the family car and had

"It can only open old wounds or delay any healing to be resuscitated.

process for the victims' families."

By his teens, the boy had problems of a different sort. At 17, in Sydney, Wilder and a group of friends were charged with gang-raping a girl on the beach. He

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pled guilty to carnal knowledge and received one year's Within a single year, between November 1974 and probation, with a provision for mandatory counseling.

October 1975, a vicious prowler terrorized the west The program included group therapy and electroshock side of Los Angeles, raping 33 women and killing at treatments, but it seemed to have little effect.

least 10. While all of his victims were elderly, ranging in Wilder married at age 23, but the union lasted only a age from 63 to 92 years, the incessant attacks spread an few days. His bride complained of sexual abuse and aura of fear citywide, boosting gun sales and turning finally left him after finding panties (not her own) and neighbor against neighbor as dark suspicions flour-photographs of naked women in a briefcase Wilder car- ished. In the end, he slipped away without a trace and ried in his car. In

November 1969, he used nude pho-left police to search in vain for clues to his identity.

tographs to extort sex from an Australian student The first to die, on November 7, 1974, was 72-year-nurse; she complained to the police, but charges were old Mary Scialese, followed the next day by Lucy ultimately dropped when she refused to testify in court.

Grant, age 92. On November 14, the slayer claimed Lil-Australia was growing too hot for Wilder, so he lian Kramer, 67, rebounding on the night of December moved to the United States. Settling in southern Florida, 4 to kill 74-year-old Ramona Gartner. A new year he prospered in the fields of construction and electrical brought no respite from the violence, with 71-year-old contracting, earning (or borrowing) enough money to Sylvia Vogal murdered on March 22, 1975. Una

finance fast cars and a luxurious bachelor pad, com-Cartwright, age 78, was slaughtered on April 8; 75-plete with hot tub and a private photographic studio.

year-old Olga Harper was killed two weeks later. Mur-The good life visibly agreed with Wilder, but it did not dered on May 22, 86-year-old Effie Martin was the fill his other, hidden needs.

eighth fatality in 23 attacks. Her death was the eighth In March 1971 at Pompano Beach, Wilder was

fatality in 23 attacks. Her death was followed by the picked up on a charge of soliciting women to pose for September homicide of Cora Perry, 79, and the slaying nude photos; he plea-bargained down to disturbing the of 63-year-old Leah Leshefsky on October 28.

peace and paid a small fine. Six years later, in October By New Year’s Day, two months had passed without 1977, he coerced a female high school student into oral a new assault, and residents of West L.A. began to sex, threatening to beat her if she refused, and he was

jailed a second time. Wilder admitted the crime to his the state line to Bainbridge, Georgia. There, in a cheap therapist, but confidential interviews are inadmissible in motel, he raped her repeatedly and tortured her with court, and he was later acquitted. On June 21, 1980, he electric shocks, smearing her eyelids with Super Glue.

lured a teenage girl into his car with promises of a mod-Wilder fled after his captive managed to lock herself in eling job and then drove her to a rural

area where she the bathroom, screaming and pounding on the walls to was raped. Another plea bargain to charges of

draw attention from the other motel guests.

attempted sexual battery earned him five years' proba-The killer touched down next in Beaumont, Texas.

tion, with further therapy ordered by the court. Follow-Terry Walden, 24, informed her husband on March 21

ing his last arrest in Florida, the self-made man that a bearded man had approached her between classes complained of suffering from blackouts.

at the local university, soliciting her for a modeling job.

Visiting his parents in Australia, Wilder was accused She thanked him and declined the offer, but the conver-of kidnapping two 15-year-old girls from a beach in sation struck a chord of memory when Terry disap-New South Wales on December 28, 1982, and forcing peared two days later. Her body, torn by multiple stab them to pose for pornographic snapshots. Traced wounds, was dragged from a canal on March 26.

through the license number of his rented car, Wilder One day earlier, 21-year-old Suzanne Logan disap-was arrested on December 29, charged with kidnapping peared from a shopping mall in Oklahoma City. Her and indecent assault. His family posted $350,000 bond, body was found on March 26, floating in Milford and Wilder was permitted to return to the United Reservoir near Manhattan, Kansas. Raped and stabbed, States, his trial scheduled for May 7, 1983. Legal delays she had apparently been tortured prior to death.

postponed the case, but Wilder was scheduled to appear Sheryl Bonaventura was the next to die, abducted in court for a hearing on April 3, 1984.

from a mall in Grand Junction, Colorado, on March He never made it.

29. Another shopper placed Wilder in the mall, solicit-On February 6 Rosario Gonzalez, 20, disappeared ing women for modeling jobs, and he had been seen from her job at the Miami Grand Prix. Chris Wilder with Sheryl at a nearby restaurant that afternoon. She was driving as a contestant that day, and witnesses joined the missing list as Wilder worked his way across recall her leaving with a man who fit Wilder's descrip-the country, killing when he paused to rest.

tion. Her body has never been found.

On April 1, 17-year-old Michelle Korfman vanished On March 4, 23-year-old Elizabeth Kenyon vanished from a fashion show at the Meadows Mall in Las after work from the school where she taught in Coral Vegas, Nevada. Snapshots taken at the time show Gables. She was seen that afternoon with Wilder at a Wilder smiling from the sidelines, watching as the local gas station, and his name was found in her teenage girls paraded past him in their miniskirts.

address book. Kenyon's parents remembered her speak-At last, it was enough. Linked to three murders, one ing of Wilder as "a real gentleman," unlike the various kidnapping, and four disappearances, Wilder was photographers who asked if she would model in the described by FBI spokesmen as "a significant danger"

nude. As in the February case, no trace of Kenyon has to the public at large. His name was added to the been found.

Bureau's "Ten Most Wanted" list on April 3, 1984.

Wilder celebrated his 39th birthday on March 13, The following day, he abducted 16-year-old Tina treating himself to the peculiar gift of a 1973 Chrysler.

Marie Risico in Torrance, California, raping her that Three days later, the *Miami Herald* reported that a night and through successive evenings as they stayed in Boynton Beach race driver was wanted for questioning various motels, working their way eastward. Subjected in the disappearance of two local women. Wilder was to threats and abuse, living constantly in the shadow of not named in the story, but he got the point. Missing his death, Risico agreed to help Wilder find other victims as scheduled therapy session on March 17, he met with his he continued his long flight to nowhere.

business partner the following night. "I am not going to On April 10, Dawnette Wilt was lured away from a jail,' he vowed, tearfully. "I'm not going to do it." Pack-shopping mall in Merrillville, Indiana, raped and toring his car, Wilder dropped off his dogs at a kennel and tured through the course of that day and the next.

drove out of town, heading north.

Wilder tried to murder her on April 12, stabbing Indian Harbour lies two hours north of Boynton Dawnette and leaving her for dead outside Rochester, Beach. On March 19, 21-year-old Terry Ferguson dis-New York, but she managed to survive and staggered to appeared from a local

shopping mall where witnesses the nearest highway, where a passing motorist discov-remembered seeing Wilder. Her body was recovered ered her and drove her to a hospital.

four days later from a Polk County canal.

Wilder's final victim was Beth Dodge, abducted near On March 20 Wilder abducted a university coed

Victor, New York, on April 12 and shot to death in a from a shopping mall in Tallahassee, driving her across nearby gravel pit. Following the murder, Wilder drove **285**

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his teenage captive to Boston's Logan Airport, purchas-County, Florida, on March 7, 1984, her body pulled ing a one-way ticket to Los Angeles and seeing her off from a rural canal three days later; Colleen Osborne, at the gate.

15, missing from her bedroom in Daytona Beach, Wilder's sudden attack of compassion remains

March 15, 1984. Chris Wilder was seen in Daytona unexplained, but he wasted no time in searching out that day, propositioning "models."

another victim. On April 13 he brandished his gun at a There was a final ghoulish twist to Wilder's story.

woman near Beverly, Massachusetts, but she fled on Following an autopsy on April 13, 1984, New Hamp-foot, unharmed. Continuing his aimless hunt, the shire pathologist Dr. Robert Christie received a tele-killer stopped for gas that afternoon in Colebrook, phone call from a man claiming to represent Harvard New Hampshire, unaware that he had reached the end University. Wilder's brain was wanted for study, the of his run.

caller explained, in order to determine whether defect Passing by the service station, state troopers Wayne or disease had sparked his killing spree. Dr. Christie Fortier and Leo Jellison recognized Wilder's car from agreed to deliver the brain on receipt of a written FBI descriptions. Approaching the vehicle, they called request. Two weeks later he was still waiting, and out to Wilder and saw him break for the car, diving spokesmen for Harvard's medical school denied making inside as he went for his pistol. Jellison leaped on the any such request.

fugitive's back, struggling for the .357 magnum, and two shots rang out. The first passed through Wilder and pierced Jellison's chest, lodging in his

liver; the second **WILLIAMS, Wayne Bertram**

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snuffed out Wilder's life, resulting in what a pathologist MURDERS"

termed "cardiac obliteration."

Wilder's death, ironically, did not resolve the tangled case. Sheryl Bonaventura's body was discovered in Utah **WOMEN as Serial Killers**

on May 3, the victim of a point-blank gunshot wound.

It is often said—or was, until very recently—that "serial Michelle Korfman was found in the Angeles National killers are always men." So entrenched was that belief Forest on May 11, but another month would pass by 1990 that the arrest of man-killer AILEEN WUORNOS

before she was identified, her family's worst fears con-in Florida prompted journalists to report the earth-firmed. No trace has yet been found of Wilder's early shaking discovery of "the first female serial killer."

victims in Miami and environs.

In fact, nothing could be further from the truth.

With his death, Chris Wilder was inevitably linked to Indeed, the earliest recorded serial killer was a other unsolved crimes. A pair of girls, aged 10 and 12, woman, identified in the history of ancient Rome sim-identified his mug shot as the likeness of a man who ply as Locusta the Poisoner. Contemporary accounts snatched them from a park in Boynton Beach in June of describe her as "notorious" in first-century Rome, but 1983 and forced them to fellate him in the nearby little is known of her handiwork today, except that she woods. His name was likewise linked with other deaths murdered both Emperor Claudius and his heir before and disappearances across two decades in Australia and her luck ran out and she was publicly executed in A.D.

America.

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In 1965, Marianne Schmidt and Christine Sharrock Female offenders *do* represent a minority in serial accompanied a young man matching Wilder's descrip-murder as in all other forms of homicide, with women tion into the beachfront dunes near Sydney; strangled, charged in some 12 percent of cases where serial killers raped, and stabbed, their bodies were discovered in a are identified. (Overall, female killers account for 10

shallow grave, but no one has been charged to date. In percent of American murders in any given year.) In 1981, teenagers Mary Hare and

Mary Optiz were

terms of MODUS OPERANDI, women typically reverse the abducted from a mall in Lee County, Florida; Hare was trends of male serial killers: while *stationary* killers later found stabbed to death, while Optiz remains average barely 8 percent of the American total, a signif-among the missing. During 1982, skeletal remains of icant 29 percent of female slayers fall into that category, unidentified women were unearthed on two separate including the bulk of “BLACK WIDOWS” and nurses or occasions near property owned by Wilder in Loxa-nurse’s aides involved in MEDICAL MURDERS. In terms of hatchee; one victim had been dead for several years, the MOTIVE, although only 14 percent of American serial other for a period of months.

slayers kill strictly for cash, a whopping 41 percent of And the list goes on: Tammi Leppert, teenage model, female practitioners murder for money. The rest share kidnapped from her job at a convenience store on Mer-other motives with their male counterparts, including ritt Island, July 6, 1983; Melody Gay, 19, abducted on

“mercy” or “hero” homicides, murder for revenge, and the graveyard shift at an all-night store in Collier the occasional case of sexual sadism.

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When women emerge as TEAM KILLERS, they most

death. The first six deaths were listed as “natural,”

often murder in conjunction with a male accomplice though symptoms were consistent with deliberate suffo-and are frequently assumed (sometimes in rank defiance cation.

of the evidence) to be the willing tools of dominant Aside from her penchant for smothering infants, males. That attitude, redolent of sexism, has prompted Woods also displayed the typical Munchausen’s trait of several female team killers to defend themselves in court pathological lying. Following the adoption of daughter with pleas of “battered wife syndrome,” but juries dis-Judy, she complained of threats from the girl’s real par-gusted with spiraling crime rates are increasingly prone ents. They had turned up on her doorstep, Martha to discount such arguments, meting out long prison claimed, demanding their daughter back, threatening terms—or capital sentences—without regard to gender.

her life when she refused. Faceless strangers were cir-Condemned female killers *do* benefit, it would seem, cling her home in a car at odd hours, and someone had from chivalry or simple squeamishness as they

tried to burn the house. In fact, army investigators approach an execution date. While 49 American

found flammable liquid splashed on one wall of women stood sentenced to die in January 2005—

Martha's home, but they suspected her of staging the including six serial killers among them—only 10

scene herself. Judy's biological parents were far away, in females (versus 906 men) have been executed since CAP-another state, and officers finally dismissed the whole ITAL PUNISHMENT was restored in 1976. Significantly, story as a hoax.

three of the 10 were convicted "black widows" (Velma Time ran out for Woods in Baltimore when authori-Barfield, Betty Beets, and Judias Buenoaño). A fourth ties finally turned up evidence of murder in the death of was Florida "Damsel of Death" AILEEN WUORNOS, and her adopted son, seven-month-old Paul. Intensive psy-a fifth was two-time lesbian killer Wanda Jean Allen.

chiatric testing found her sane and fit for trial. The *See also* WEAPONS

judge admitted evidence from other deaths to prove the case on Paul, and Martha was convicted after five months of testimony and sentenced to life imprison-WOOD, Catherine

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ment on one count of first-degree murder.

WOODS, Martha

WUORNOS, Aileen Carol

An army wife who followed her husband around the She has been heralded in tabloid headlines and on tele-country from one military base to the next, Martha vision talk shows as America's "first female serial Woods also suffered from the bizarre mental illness killer." In fact, Aileen Wuornos was neither the first dubbed "MUNCHAUSEN'S SYNDROME BY PROXY." Vic-nor the worst, although she did display a curiously tims of this rare condition are driven to seek attention

"masculine" approach to homicide. Suspected of at or sympathy by fabricating ailments for their loved least seven murders, sentenced to die in four of the six ones, sometimes inflicting deliberate harm to support cases

she confessed to police, Wuornos insisted that their claims of mysterious illness. In this case, the quirk some or all of her admitted killings were performed in cost seven children their lives.

self-defense, resisting violent assaults by men whom Martha's victims included three of her own children, she solicited while working as a prostitute. Ironically, a nephew, a niece, a neighbor's child, and the son she information uncovered by journalists in November adopted when targets grew scarce. The cross-country 1992 suggests that in one case, at least, her story may killing spree lasted most of a quarter-century from 1946

well be true.

to 1969. Geography was Martha's friend, preventing America's future media monster was born Aileen medical examiners in various locations from connecting Pittman in Rochester, Michigan, on February 29, 1956.

her several crimes until her luck ran out at last, in Balti-Her teenage parents separated months before she was more.

born, father Leo Pittman moving on to serve time in Martha's pattern was always the same, involving a Kansas and Michigan mental hospitals as a deranged rush to the nearest hospital with an unconscious baby child molester. Mother Diane Pratt recalls Aileen and in her arms. Each time, the infant was alone in Martha's her older brother Keith as "crying, unhappy babies,"

care when it abruptly, inexplicably "stopped breath-and their racket prompted her to leave them with her ing." The children were revived and sent home with parents in early 1960. On March 18 of that year, mater-Woods, but they inevitably suffered more attacks within nal grandparents Lauri and Britta Wuornos legally a span of hours or days. Altogether, police calculated in adopted the children as their own.

hindsight, nine children had suffered a total of 27 life-Aileen's childhood showed little improvement from threatening respiratory attacks, with seven resulting in there. At age six she suffered scarring facial burns while **287**

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she and Keith were setting fires with lighter fluid. Aileen ving, and firing a .22-caliber pistol from a moving vehi-later told police that she had

sex with Keith at an early cle. Additional charges of failure to appear were filed age, but acquaintances doubt the story and Keith is when she skipped town ahead of her trial. Back in unable to speak for himself, having died of throat can-Michigan on July 13, 1976, Aileen was arrested in cer in 1976. At any rate, Aileen was clearly having sex Antrim County for simple assault and disturbing the with *someone,* for she turned up pregnant in her 14th peace after she lobbed a cue ball at a bartender's head.

year, delivering her son at a Detroit maternity hospital Outstanding warrants from Troy, Michigan, were also on March 23, 1971. Grandmother Britta died on July 7, served on charges of driving without a license and con-and although her death was blamed on liver failure, suming alcohol in a motor vehicle. On August 4, Aileen Diane Pratt suspected her father of murder, claiming he settled her debt to society with a $105 fine.

threatened to kill Aileen and Keith if they were not The money came, at least indirectly, from her

removed from his home.

brother. Keith's death on July 17 surprised her with a In fact, they became wards of the court, Aileen soon life insurance payment of $10,000, squandered within dropping out of school to work the streets full-time, two months on luxuries including a new car, which earning her way as a teenage hooker, drifting across Aileen promptly wrecked. In late September, broke country as the spirit moved her. In May 1974, using the again, she thumbed a ride to Florida, anxious to sample alias "Sandra Kretsch," she was jailed in Jefferson a warmer climate, hoping to practice her trade in the County, Colorado, for disorderly conduct, drunk dri-sun. It was a change of scene, but Aileen's attitude was still the same, and she inevitably faced more trouble with the law.

On May 20, 1981, Wuornos was arrested in Edge-

water, Florida, for armed robbery of a convenience store. Sentenced to prison on May 4, 1982, she was released 13 months later, on June 30, 1983. Her next arrest, on May 1, 1984, was for trying to pass forged checks at a bank in Key West. On November 30, 1985, named as a suspect in the theft of a pistol and ammunition in Pasco County, Aileen borrowed the alias "Lori Grody" from an aunt in Michigan. Eleven days later, the Florida Highway Patrol cited "Grody" for driving without a valid license. On January 4, 1986, Aileen was arrested in Miami under her own name, charged with auto theft, resisting arrest, and obstruction by false

information; police found a .38-caliber revolver and a box of ammunition in the stolen car. On June 2, 1986, Volusia County deputies detained “Lori Grody”

for questioning after a male companion accused her of pulling a gun in his car and demanding $200. In spite of her denials, Aileen was carrying spare ammunition on her person, and a .22 pistol was found beneath the passenger seat she occupied. A week later, using the new alias “Susan Blahovec,” she was ticketed for speeding in Jefferson County, Florida. The citation includes a telling observation: “Attitude poor. Thinks she’s above the law.”

A few days after that incident, Aileen met lesbian Tyria Moore in a Daytona gay bar. They soon became lovers, and while the passion faded after a year or so, they remained close friends and traveling companions, more or less inseparable for the next four years. On July 4, 1987, police in Daytona Beach detained “Tina Moore” and “Susan Blahovec” for questioning, on sus-Aileen Wuornos stands before the judge at her trial. (Wide picion of slugging a man with a beer bottle. “Blahovec”

World API)

was alone on December 18 when highway patrolmen **288**

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cited her for walking on the interstate and possessing a By the time Spears was identified, a third victim had suspended driver’s license. Once again, the citation already been found. Charles Carskaddon, age 40, was a noted “Attitude poor,” and “Susan” proved it over the part-time rodeo worker from Booneville, Missouri, next two months with threatening letters mailed to the missing since May 31. He had vanished somewhere circuit court clerk on January 11 and February 9, 1988.

along I-75, en route to meet his fiancée in Tampa, his A month later, Wuornos was trying a new approach naked corpse found 30 miles south of the Spears mur-and a new alias. On March 12, 1988, “Cammie Marsh der site on June 6. Carskaddon had been shot nine Greene” accused a Daytona Beach bus driver of assault, times with a .22-caliber weapon, suggesting a pattern to claiming he pushed her off his buss following an argu-officers who still resisted the notion of a serial killer at ment; Tyria Moore was listed as a witness to the inci-large. On June 7, Carskaddon’s car was found in Mar-dent. On July 23, a Daytona Beach landlord accused ion County, a

.45 automatic and various personal items Moore and “Susan Blahovec” of vandalizing their listed as stolen from the vehicle.

apartment, ripping out carpets, and painting the walls Peter Siems, a 65-year-old merchant seaman turned dark brown without his approval. In November 1988, missionary, was last seen on June 7, 1990, when he left

“Susan Blahovec” launched a six-day campaign of his Jupiter, Florida, home to visit relatives in Arkansas.

threatening calls against a Zephyrhills supermarket, fol-Siems never arrived, and a missing-person report was lowing an altercation over lottery tickets.

filed with police on June 22. No trace of the man had By 1989, Aileen’s demeanor was increasingly erratic been found by July 4 when his car was wrecked and and belligerent. Never one to take an insult lightly, she abandoned in Orange Springs, Florida. Witnesses now went out of her way to provoke confrontations, described the vehicle’s occupants as two women, one seldom traveling without a loaded pistol in her purse.

blond and one burnette, providing police sketch artists She worked the bars and truck stops, thumbing rides to with a likeness of each. The blond was injured and snag a trick when all else failed, supplementing her bleeding. Police lifted a bloody palmprint from the vehi-prostitute’s income with theft when she could. Increas-cle’s trunk.

ingly, with Moore, she talked about the many troubles Eugene Burress, age 50, left the Ocala sausage facin her life and a yearning for revenge.

tory where he worked to make his normal delivery Richard Mallory, a 51-year-old electrician from Palm rounds on July 30, 1990. A missing-person report was Harbor, was last seen alive by coworkers on November filed when he had not returned by 2:00 A.M. the next 30, 1989. His car was found abandoned at Ormond day, and his delivery van was found two hours later. On Beach the next day, his wallet and personal papers scat-August 4, his fully dressed body was found by a family tered nearby, along with several condoms and a half-picnicking in the Ocala National Forest. Burress had empty bottle of vodka. On December 13, his fully been shot twice with a .22-caliber pistol in the back and dressed corpse was found in the woods northwest of chest. Nearby, police found his credit cards, business Daytona Beach, shot three times in the chest with a receipts, and an empty cash bag from a local bank.

.22 pistol. Police searching for a motive in the murder Fifty-six-year-old Dick Humphreys was a retired learned that Mallory had been divorced five times, earn-Alabama police chief, lately employed by the Florida ing a reputation as a “heavy drinker” who was “very Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to paranoid” and “very much into porno and the topless investigate child abuse claims in Ocala. His wife bar scene.” A former employee described him as “men-reported him missing when he failed to return home tal,” but police came up empty in their search for a from work on the night of September 11, 1990, and criminal record. They could find “nothing dirty” on the Humphreys was found the next day in an undeveloped victim, finally concluding that he was just a paranoid subdivision, shot seven times with a .22 pistol, his pants womanizer.

pockets turned inside out. On September 19, his car was The investigation was stalled at that point on June 1, found abandoned and stripped of license plates behind a 1990, when a nude “John Doe” victim was found, shot defunct service station in Live Oak. Impounded on Sep-six times with a .22 and dumped in the woods 40 miles tember 25, the car was not traced to Humphreys until north of Tampa. By June 7, the corpse had been identi-October 13, the same day his discarded badge and other fied from dental records as 43-year-old David Spears, personal belongings were found in Lake County, 70

last seen leaving his Sarasota workplace on May 19.

miles southeast of the murder scene.

Spears had planned to visit his ex-wife in Orlando that Victim number seven was 60-year-old Walter Anto-afternoon, but he never made it. Ironically, his boss had nio, a trucker from Merritt Island who doubled as a spotted the dead man’s missing pickup truck on May reserve police officer for Brevard County. Found in the 25, parked along I-75 south of Gainesville, but there woods northwest of Cross City on November 19, 1990, the trail went cold.

he had been shot three times in the back and once in the

head. Antonio was nude but for socks, his clothes later shot ’em ’cause to me it was like a self-defending found in a remote area of neighboring Taylor County.

thing,” she told police, “became I felt if I didn’t shoot His car, meanwhile, was found back in Brevard County

’em and I didn’t kill ’em, first of all . . . if they survived, on November 24. Police determined that Antonio’s my ass would be gettin’ in trouble for attempted mur-killer had stolen a distinctive gold ring along with his der, so I’m up shit’s creek on that one anyway, and if I bagde, nightstick, handcuffs, and flashlight.

didn’t kill ’em, you know, of course, I mean I *had* to kill By that time, journalists had noted the obvious pat-

’em . . . or, it’s like retaliation, too. It’s like, ‘You bas-tern detectives were reluctant to accept, and media expo-tards, you were going to hurt me.’ ”

sure forced authorities to go public with their suspect Within two weeks of her arrest, Aileen and her attor-sketches on November 30, 1990. Over the next three ney had sold movie rights to her story. At the same time, weeks, police received four calls identifying the suspects three top investigators on her case retained their own as Tyria Moore and “Lee Blahovec.” Their movements lawyer to field offers from Hollywood, cringing with were traced through motel receipts, detectives learning embarrassment when their unseemly haste was publicly that “Blahovec” also liked to call herself “Lori Grody”

revealed. In self-defense, the officers maintained that and “Cammie Marsh Greene.” Fingerprint comparisons they were moved to sell their version of the case by did the rest, naming “Blahovec/Grody/Greene” as Aileen

“pure intentions,” planning to put the money in “a vic-Wuornos, placing her at the scene where Peter Siems’s tim’s fund.” To a man, they denounced exposure of their car was wrecked in July, but it still remained for officers scheme as the malicious work of brother officers, driven to track the women down.

by their jealousy at being cut out of the deal.

Meanwhile, “Cammie Greene” was busy pawning

A bizarre sideshow to the pending murder trial items stolen from her victims and pocketing some extra began in late January 1991 with the appearance of cash. On December 6, she pawned Richard Mallory’s Arlene Pralle as Aileen’s chief advocate. A 44-year-old camera and radar detector in Daytona, moving on to rancher’s wife and “born-again” Christian, Pralle Ormond Beach with a box of tools stolen from David advised Wuornos in her first letter to prison that “Jesus Spears. (She also left a thumbprint

behind in Ormond told me to write you." Soon, they were having daily Beach, identical to that of "Lori Grody.") The next day, telephone conversations at Pralle's expense, Arlene in Volusia County, "Greene" pawned Walter Antonio's arranging interviews for Wuornos and herself and ring, later identified by his fiancée and the jeweler who becoming a fixture on tabloid talk shows from coast to sized it.

coast. In Pralle's words, their relationship was "a soul With mug shots and a list of names in hand, it was a binding. We're like Jonathan and David in the Bible. It's relatively simple matter to trace Aileen Wuornos, as though part of me is trapped in jail with her. We though her rootless lifestyle delayed the arrest for always know what the other is feeling and thinking. I another month. On January 9, 1991, she was seized at just wish I was Houdini. I would get her out of there. If the Last Resort, a biker bar in Harbor Oaks, detained there was a way, I would do it, and we could go and be on outstanding warrants for "Lori Grody" while police vagabonds forever." Instead, Pralle did the next best finished building their murder case. A day later, Tyria thing, legally adopting Wuornos as her "daughter."

Moore was traced to her sister's home in Pennsylvania, Aileen's trial for the murder of Richard Mallory where she agreed to help police. Back in Florida, detec-opened on January 13, 1992. Eleven days later, tives arranged a series of telephone conversations Wuornos took the stand as the only defense witness, between Moore and Wuornos. Tyria begged Aileen to repeating her tale of a violent rape and beating at Mal-confess for Moore's sake and spare her from prosecu-lory's hands, insisting that she shot him dead in self-tion as an accomplice. One conversation led police to a defense, using her pistol only after he threatened her storage warehouse Aileen had rented, a search revealing life. With no hard evidence to support her claim, jurors tools stolen from David Spears, the nightstick taken rejected the story, deliberating a mere 90 minutes before from Walter Antonio, another camera, and an electric they convicted Aileen of first-degree murder on January razor belonging to Richard Mallory.

27. "I'm innocent!" she shouted when the verdict was On January 16, 1991, Wuornos summoned detec-announced. "I was raped! I hope you get raped! Scum-tives and confessed to six killings, all allegedly per-bags of America!" The jury recommended death on formed in self-defense. She denied killing Peter Siems, January 29, and the following day Aileen was formally whose body was still missing, and likewise disclaimed sentenced

to die. In April, she pled guilty to the murders any link to the murder of a "John Doe" victim shot to of victims Burress, Humphreys, and Spears, with a sec-death with a .22-caliber weapon in Brooks County, ond death sentence imposed on May 7, 1992.

Georgia, and found in an advanced state of decay on Around the same time, Aileen offered to show police May 5, 1990. (No charges were filed in that case.) "I where the corpse of Peter Siems was hidden near Beau-290

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fort, South Carolina. Authorities flew her to the Pied-Gillen's report.) Even so, Gillen stopped short of calling mont State, but nothing was found at the designated for Aileen's release. "She's a sick woman who blew site, Daytona police insisting that Wuornos created the those men away," Gillen said, "but that's no reason for ruse to get a free vacation from jail. They speculate that the state to say, 'She's confessed to killing men; we don't Siems was dumped in a swamp near I-95 north of Jack-have to do our homework.' "

sonville, but his body has never been found.

After nine years on death row, Wuornos decided to The Wuornos case took an ironic twist on November abandon her appeals. In April 2001 she asked Florida's 10, 1992, with reporter Michele Gillen's revelations on supreme court to expedite her execution, "since I'm one *Dateline NBC.* Thus far, Aileen's defenders and Florida who seriously hates life and would kill again." In a July prosecutors alike had failed to unearth any criminal 2001 interview with the *Ocala Star-Banner,* Wuornos record for Richard Mallory that would substantiate recanted her claim that her victims were shot in self-Aileen's claim of rape and assault. In the official view, defense. "I just flat robbed, killed them," she declared, Mallory was "clean," if somewhat paranoid and over-

"and there was a lot of hatred behind everything."

sexed. Gillen, though, had no apparent difficulty find-Wuornos added that before the first shooting, she had ing out that Mallory had served 10 years for violent

"always wanted to kill somebody." At a special hearing rape in another state, facts easily obtained by running convened on July 20, 2001, she told Judge Michael his name through the FBI's computer network.

Hutchenson, "I will kill again. I've got hate crawling

“The fascinating part about this,” Gillen said, “is through my system. There is no point in sparing me. I’m here is a woman who for the past year has been scream-a waste of the taxpayers’ money.” Hutchenson deemed ing that she didn’t get a fair trial and that everyone was Wuornos competent, and the state supreme court rushing to make a TV movie about her—and in reality approved the inmate’s decision to fire her attorneys on that comes true.” (The first TV movie depicting Aileen April 1, 2002. Wuornos was executed by lethal injec-aired on a rival network one week to the day after tion six months later, on October 9, 2002.

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strictly segregated Atteridgeville, since the victims were One of half a dozen serial killers spawned by the South white and their killer turned out to be black. Upon cap-African township of Atteridgeville in modern times, ture, Xitavhudzi was swiftly tried and sentenced to Elias Xitavhudzi was nicknamed “Pangaman” prior to death, but his spirit lives on in Atteridgeville, which con-capture, after the long, broad-bladed knife he used to tinues to produce vicious stalkers on a regular basis—

kill and mutilate his 16 female victims. Occurring in the most recently, the still-unidentified “Atteridgeville 1960s, Xitavhudzi’s crimes were doubly traumatic for Mutilator.”

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YAKIMA Reservation Murders

agents from the FBI’s Seattle field office fulfilled Hall’s Authorities are divided in their opinions as to whether a prediction, calling it “extremely unlikely” that one serial killer is responsible for the murders of at least 13

killer was responsible for all 13 of the Yakima murders.

women committed since 1980 on the 1.3 million-acre FBI spokesman William Gore referred to “significant Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington State. Eleven evidence” and “logical suspects” in three of the cases, of the 13 victims were Native American, most of them although no charges were filed. On January 27, 1993, born and raised on the reservation, many with histories the FBI declared that 12 of the Yakima murders “are of alcohol abuse. Most of the victims were in their closed, though they could

be reopened if new informa-twenties; at least eight left children behind. Some were tion surfaced."

stabbed to death, while others were beaten, shot, or But the question remains: Is anybody looking?

strangled; two were apparently drowned, and one was Melford Hall, for one, was bitter toward the FBI. "A lot run down by a car. The bodies have typically been of times we would call them," he told reporters, "and dumped in remote, wooded areas where decomposition they'd say, 'Just send over a report.' They spent millions and exposure to the elements or scavengers erases evi-of dollars over there [i.e., on the GREEN RIVER murders], dence, leaving the cause of death unknown in several and wouldn't spend anything here." It is a further point cases. At least two other Indian women—Karen Louise of bitter irony, Hall noted, that the FBI has direct Johnly and Daisey May Tallman, both in their twen-responsibility for all murders committed on Indian ties—were also reported missing between 1987 and reservations, but none at all in local murders, like Seat-1992, but their names have not been added to the "offi-tle's infamous "Green River" case.

cial" Yakima victims list.

Another lawman who compared the two unsolved

One lawman who believes a serial killer *is* responsible cases was Yakima County Sheriff's Deputy Dave John-for the murders, Melford Hall, retired in 1989 after 22

son, who complained that murder investigations are years as a criminal investigator for the Bureau of Indian hampered by the tendency of some tribal members to Affairs, citing the homicides as part of his reason for leave the reservation without informing friends or fam-leaving the job. As Hall told reporters in January 1993, ily. "It's kind of like the Green River victims, many of

"They'll probably say, 'He doesn't know what he's talk-whom were prostitutes," Johnson said. "You have ing about. But then you look at all these names." Hall individuals with no permanent address." One who links the murders to rampant alcoholism, so prominent resented the comparison was Johnnie Wyman, whose at Yakima and other reservations. "My own opinion,"

sister—44-year-old Jo Anne Betty Wyman—was found he explains, "is this guy sits at a tavern someplace and dead on the reservation in 1991,

three years after she waits for an intoxicated woman and grabs her."

disappeared. "The authorities take the attitude that it's Yakima's Tribal Police Department, meanwhile,

just a bunch of drunken Indian women," Wyman told refuses all requests for interviews on the murders, but the press. "It's just another slap in the face. I can't **293**

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candy-coat it for anybody. She was my sister, and she Spokane, where he worked at a Kaiser Aluminum plant meant something to me."

and spent weekends flying with the Air National Guard.

The most recent slaying—and that which finally None of it kept him from killing. On July 7, 1988, he brought national publicity to the murders —was that of picked up Stacy Hawn, a 23-year-old drug-addicted Shari Dee Sampson Ewell, found strangled and sexually prostitute, in Shoreline, Washington. Yates drove her to mutilated on December 30, 1992, in a section of the a site near Mount Vernon and shot her once in the reservation closed to non-Indians. Sufficient media head. Her skeletal remains were found on December attention was generated by Ewell's death that the 28, but Hawn's boyfriend did not report her missing Yakima Indian Nation offered a $1,000 reward for until February 1989. She was identified the following information leading to the killer's arrest, the fund month. In the first half of 1990, three women were shot increased by $5,000 from the FBI on May 14, 1993.

and discarded along the Spokane River. Yolanda Sapp, Thus far, the money has not helped. The murders on the age 26, was found on February 22, followed by 34-Yakima reservation remain unsolved.

year-old Nickie Lowe (March 25) and 38-year-old Kathy Brisbois (May 15). Lowe and Brisbois were killed with the same .22-caliber weapon. Sherry Palmer, **YATES, Robert Lee, Jr.**

age unknown, was found shot to death outside Tacoma The U.S. Pacific Northwest has produced many serial on May 13, 1992. Another shooting victim, 60-year-old killers, but none in modern times has proved as effec- Patricia Barnes from Port Orchard, was discovered in tive at dodging police as Robert Yates Jr. His 23-year rural Kitsap County on August 25, 1995.

killing spree is presently unrivaled in American history.

Although Yates maintained a busy schedule after Today, with Yates awaiting execution in Washington April 1996, juggling family, work, and

the National State, authorities still puzzle over what it was that Guard, he still found time to hunt. At the same time, he drove him to the brink of madness and beyond.

developed a ritualized “signature,” leaving victims with In October 1945, nine years before Yates was born, plastic trash bags pulled over their heads, several his paternal grandmother killed her sleeping husband dumped in the same area. Thirty-eight-year-old Shan-with an ax. She was indicted for murder but never non Zielinski was discarded near Tacoma on June 14, stood trial, and relatives dismiss any suggestion that 1996. On August 16, 1997, 16-year-old runaway Jen-the crime may have influenced her grandson. Yates nifer Joseph was last seen alive as she entered a white entered the world on May 27, 1952, as a breech baby Chevrolet Corvette driven by a white man in his forties.

(born feet first). He was sexually molested by an older She was found 10 days later, hooded with trash bags boy at age six. His family brands those events as irrele-and shot through the head with a .22-caliber pistol. The vant. Raised in Oak Harbor, Washington, Yates gradu-same day brought discovery of another woman’s

ated from high school in 1970 and moved on to Walla decomposing body, in a different Spokane neighbor-Walla Community College, where he met his future hood. The second victim was identified as Heather Her-wife. Claims that he earned a degree in biology remain nandez, a 20-year-old drifter. Investigators found semen unverified, but today we know that Yates claimed his on Joseph’s body, along with a brown hair from a Cau-first two victims a year before his marriage, in July casian male. The bullet that killed Joseph bore “insuffi-1975.

cient characteristics” for comparison with the .22 slugs Twenty-one-year-old Patrick Oliver and 22-year-old extracted from victims Brisbois and Lowe.

Susan Savage were picnicking beside Mill Creek, 10

On September 24, 1997, a Spokane patrolman

miles east of Walla Walla, when Yates arrived and shot stopped Robert Yates, at the wheel of a white 1977

them both. A quarter-century later, Yates explained that Chevrolet Corvette, for a minor traffic violation. Yates he often went target shooting in the area on days off received a citation, which correctly recorded his license from his job as a guard at Walla Walla’s state prison.

plate number but misidentified his vehicle as a Camaro.

He shot the two strangers on a whim, covered their It was a small but critical mistake, corrected long after bodies with brush, and left a mystery that remained the fact when detectives double-checked the car's regis- unsolved until he confessed the crime in October 2000.

tration. In the meantime, detectives seeking a Corvette Yates married in July 1976 and joined the army two from the Joseph murder knew nothing of Yates.

years later, serving 18 years in uniform as a helicopter Six weeks later, on November 5, a man walking his pilot. His tour of duty included stints in Somalia (where dog spotted a shallow grave near Spokane's Hangman Yates was reprimanded for shooting wild pigs from the Valley Road. Police found 29-year-old Darla Scott, air) and Haiti, but he spent most of his military career another prostitute, buried with two trash bags over her in the United States. Upon discharge from the army, in head, shot twice in the brain with a .25-caliber weapon.

April 1996, Yates moved his wife and five children to Again, semen was found that later matched the DNA of **294**

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Robert Yates Jr. On December 7, 1997, pedestrians in searchers to her grave—beneath his bedroom win-Tacoma found the nude body of 24-year- old Melinda dow—in October 2000. More remains were found in Mercer discarded in a vacant lot. Four trash bags cov-the killer's favored hunting ground on June 10, 1998, ered her head, ventilated with three .25-caliber bullets.

but missing pieces and advanced decomposition left Less than two weeks elapsed before the next murder in even the victim's gender in doubt. Police had better luck Spokane. On December 18 a workman found 36- yearon July 7, when a transient found 47-year-old Michelyn old Shawn Johnson's body on Hangman Valley Road, Derning in Spokane's East Central neighborhood. Con-masked with two trash bags, shot twice in the head, her cealed beneath a discarded hot-tub cover, Derning had body stained with semen. The year ended badly, with been stripped and shot once in the head. No bullet was discovery of two more victims on December 26. Both found, but officers recovered a .25-caliber cartridge at lay in a gravel pit near Hangman Valley Road, each the scene. Unlike most of the victims, missing long shot twice, both hooded with three plastic bags. Thirty-before

their bodies were uncovered, Derning had been one-year-old Laurel Wason was partially covered with seen alive one short week earlier.

foreign debris later traced to Yates's backyard, and Yates logged his first failure on August 1, 1998, with semen on her body matched his DNA. Shawn McClena-32-year-old Christine Smith. He paid Smith $40 for oral han, age 39, also bore semen traces, and a fingerprint sex, performed in the back of his van, then shot her in from Yates marked one of the trash bags covering her the head when she proved unable to arouse him. Dazed head.

from the bullet's impact, believing that she had been Police failed to identify their man from evidence col-punched by her "john," Smith survived to file a police lected during 1997, since Yates had no criminal record report on the incident. Complaining of assault and rob-and his DNA was not on file. Investigators could have bery, she described her assailant as a 50-year-old white found his fingerprints in military dossiers, but their man (Yates was 46), five feet, 10 inches tall, with sandy search was limited to known felons. Yates suffered his blond hair. His van was black, a 1970s model with an first brush with the law in 1998, on a count of domestic orange exterior stripe, bucket seats, wood paneling violence against his wife, but the charge was dismissed inside, and raised bed in back. Ironically, Smith had without trial and detectives assigned to the ongoing asked the man if he was Spokane's "psycho killer,"

murders made no connection between the dissimilar whereupon he replied that "he had five kids and would cases.

not do that." Smith remained unaware of her gunshot On February 8, 1998, the semen-stained body of 41-wound until recurring headaches sent her to the emer-year-old Sunny Oster was found in a wooded area of gency room, where X-rays revealed bullet fragments in western Spokane County. Three trash bags covered her her face and skull.

head, drilled with two gunshot wounds, but only one Despite Smith's clear description, detectives were no slug was recovered. Spokane residents held a candle-closer to their man. On September 3, 1998, they added light vigil for the murdered women four days later, 43-year-old Melody Murfin to the presumed victims'

while police announced ongoing investigation of 17

list. Missing since May 13, Murfin was another drug-unsolved murders reported in the area since 1984. The-addicted prostitute, whose disappearance caused alarm.

oretical links were drawn to the “Green River Killer”

Her body was not found until October 2000, when (later identified as GARY LEON RIDGWAY), although that Robert Yates directed searchers to a flowerbed outside stalker never used firearms. Another victim was found his home. Meanwhile, in October 1998, police in on April 1, 1998, dumped within 50 yards of the pit Lewiston announced a new investigation into the mur-where McClenahan and Wason were discovered. Linda ders of three more victims. The trio—18-year-old Maybin, a 34-year-old prostitute and drug addict, had Jacqueline Miller, 21-year-old Kristina Nelson, and 35-been shot once in the head, shrouded with two plastic year-old Steven Pearsall—vanished together from the bags. Semen from her body matched Yates’s DNA, Lewiston Civic Theater in September 1982. Pearsall while plant clippings strewn across her body were was still missing, but the women’s bodies had been traced to the killer’s backyard.

found together on a hillside near Kendrick, in 1984.

Those discoveries took time, however, and police Authorities suspected one killer at work in those mur-had few viable leads as they added the latest murder to ders, in the 1979 disappearance of 12-year-old their growing list. By April 14, detectives knew that vic-Christina White from the Asotin County Fair, and in tims Maybin, McClenahan, and Scott had all worked the mutilation-slaying of 22-year-old Kristen David.

for the same escort service, but that clue failed to iden-David had vanished on a bike ride from Moscow to tify their killer. Melody Murfin’s name made the serial Lewiston in 1981; her headless torso, with one leg murder list when she dropped from sight in May 1998, attached, was found eight days later, on the north shore but her corpse was not recovered until Yates led of the Snake River near Clarkston; her head, arms and **295**

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part of one leg were found farther downstream the next day. (None of the latter crimes were ultimately linked to Robert Yates.)

Police questioned various subjects, including an unnamed “prime suspect” in the Lewiston murders, without result as the manhunt continued. The next bona fide victim, 35-year-old Connie Ellis, was found in Tacoma on October 13, 1998. One bullet was extracted from her head, which was swaddled in three trash bags.

Eight days later, Pierce County detectives voiced fears that a corpse in Parkland “could have been dumped there by the Spokane killer,” but no further details were released.

Robert Yates survived another near miss with the Robert Lee Yates is escorted into court in Spokane, law on November 10, 1998. He was driving a 1985

Washington, on May 31, 2000. (Reuters/Corbis)

Honda Civic when police stopped him at 1:25 A.M. in a neighborhood notorious for streetwalkers. More to the point, a known prostitute—one Jennifer Robinson—

was riding with Yates in the car. Yates claimed that and declined to provide blood samples for DNA com-Robinson’s father had asked him to find her and bring parison. Robinson, in a separate interview, admitted her home, an improbable story that Robinson con-that Yates had paid $20 for oral sex, and further confirmed to avoid spending more time in jail.

Stymied, the firmed that her father lived outside Spokane and had officer released them and filed a report on the incident never met Yates.

which vanished into police files.

Deception focused suspicion more sharply on Yates.

Spring 1999 brought a flurry of news in the case. On Detectives learned that he had been grounded as a mili-March 9, a dog retrieved a human hand from woodland tary helicopter pilot pending medical evaluations during south of Snoqualmie, then led searchers to the skeleton 1997 and 1998, when many of the victims were killed.

of Jennifer Justus. Although she matched the Spokane Interrogation of his wife revealed that Yates once came victim profile, police quickly dismissed Justus as a pos-home from a late-night drive with bloodstains in the sible victim of the region's elusive killer. On April 15, rear of his van. (Yates claimed he had struck a dog, then sheriff's deputies visited a physician at home in drove it to a veterinary clinic.) Yates had destroyed the Spokane's affluent South Hill district, deemed a "person bloody fabric from the van, but police traced his vin-of interest" in the February rape of a downtown prosti-tage Corvette to its new owner in April 2000 and tute, but they found no link to the serial murders. Two matched its carpet fibers to those found on Jennifer days later, Spokane police investigating another "high-Joseph's body. Bloodstains from the car's floorboard risk" victim's disappearance found charred human matched Joseph's DNA, and a button found in the car bones in the furnace of a downtown apartment build-proved identical to those on Joseph's blouse.

ing. Scandal erupted on May 6, after police chief Alan Police arrested Yates on April 18, 2000, and subse-Chertok said informers had named his predecessor, quently matched his DNA to that found in semen Chief Terry Mangan, as a suspect in the slayings. Cor-recovered from six murder victims around Spokane.

nered by reporters, Chertok said that Mangan—subse-Publication of his mug shot in a local newspaper quently hired by the FBI—was not suspected of the brought confirmation from Christine Smith that Yates crimes "and never would be." His previous comment, was the man who shot her in August 1998. Yates was Chertok claimed, "wasn't meant to be taken seriously."

formally charged with Joseph's murder on April 19, The denial was too little and too late. Chertok resigned held in lieu of $1.5 million bail. One

day later, debris from the police department on May 27, 1999.

from his yard was matched to the grave sites of victims Two years after the fact, task force investigators dis-Maybin, McClenahan, and Wason. That afternoon, covered the error on Robert Yates's traffic citation from Sheriff Sterk told reporters, "We have Mr. Yates tied to September 1997, drawing the obvious link between his at least 12 of the homicides, possibly 18." Announce-white Corvette and the murder of Jennifer Joseph.

ment of Yates's arrest renewed scrutiny of unsolved Detectives interviewed Yates for the first time on Sep-murders in Germany, New York, and Alabama, where tember 14, 1999, recording a list of his vehicles and he had served at various times with the U.S. Army, but pursuing further details of his encounter with Jennifer thus far no charges have been filed outside of Washing-Robinson. Yates repeated his lie from November 1998

ton. New indictments in Spokane, filed on May 18, **296**

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2000, charged Yates with the murders of victims Dern-they met Althea Ottavio and Patricia Hewitt, who were ing, Johnson, Maybin, McClenahan, Oster, and Wason, visiting from Georgia, and strangled both women, steal-plus attempted murder in the case of Christine Smith.

ing their money and car. Their bonus was a loaded pis-Exactly two months later, Pierce County prosecutors tol, found inside the glove compartment.

charged Yates with the murders of Connie Ellis and On June 7, the pair stopped briefly in Tulahoma, Linda Mercer.

Tennessee, where they murdered elderly John Whit-Yates initially pled not guilty on all counts, then taker, swapping the new victim's car for their hot set of changed his mind in October 2000 and directed police wheels. Whittaker's vehicle brought them to

to the remains of two victims buried at his home, over-Edwardsville, Illinois, where they murdered 35-year-old looked in previous searches. Newspapers announced a Albert Reed for the hell of it. Seven miles down the plea bargain on October 16, whereby Yates escaped the road, they looted a gas station and killed the attendant, death penalty while confessing 13 homicides in Skagit, Martin Drenovac, age 69.

Spokane, and Walla Walla Counties. The deal was for-By June 9, the lethal nomads were cruising through malized in court on October 26, and Yates received a Kansas, pausing at Wallace long enough to murder

sentence of 408 years in prison. Dissatisfied with that Otto Ziegler, a 62-year-old road master for the Union bargain, Pierce County authorities pressed for capital Pacific railroad. In Craig, Colorado, they offered 18-punishment in the Ellis and Mercer slayings; Yates year-old Rachel Moyer a ride to California, dumping responded on November 1 with twin not guilty pleas.

her corpse in a riverbed outside town, where it would Jurors convicted him of those crimes on September 19, be found on June 11.

2002, then recommended execution on October 3.

By that time, York and Latham were in custody. The Judge John McCarthy formally sentenced Yates to FBI had started tracking them for violation of the Dyer death on October 9, 2002.

Act, prohibiting transportation of a stolen car across state lines, and federal bulletins kept local law enforcement agencies apprised of the duo's westward progress.

YERSHOV, Vadim

On June 10, they were captured by a Utah sheriff and A Siberian army deserter, 24-year-old Vadim Yershov lodged in jail at Salt Lake City for interrogation.

went to trial in October 1997 on charges of raping, rob-On June 12, after 24 hours of stone silence, the pris-bing, and fatally stabbing 19 victims in the months after oners cracked, relating details of their rampage with a his unscheduled departure from military service. As a kind of twisted pride. They boasted of eight or nine soldier of sorts, he pled his case before a military tri-murders, and eight notches had been carved into the bunal in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, where he was handle of their stolen gun, but in fact there were only convicted and sentenced to death on June 9, 1998. Yer-seven dead. (The FBI later reported that two unnamed shov reportedly fainted as the sentence was pronounced, victims had survived their wounds.) Convicted in but the dramatic gesture may have been in vain. Russia Kansas of the Ziegler slaying, York and Latham were has suspended execution of death sentences in recent sentenced to death on December 19, 1962. Addressing years, although CAPITAL PUNISHMENT remains part of the court, they declared, "We killed together, so we the nation's legal code. The Council of Europe has urged expect to die together." They got their wish two and a Russia to abolish the death penalty as a condition of its half years later, mounting the gallows on June 22, 1965.

membership in the group, and it seems likely that eco-Their deaths wrote finis to an era, since Kansas—while nomic interests will spare Vadim Yershov from the firing maintaining CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—has executed no squad. At that, considering the state of prisons in more inmates to this day.

Siberia, he may eventually wish he *had* been shot.

YOUNG, Lila Gladys

YORK, George R., and LATHAM, James D.

Lila Coolen, the daughter of devout Seventh-Day George York, 18, and James Latham, 19, were privates Adventist parents, was born at Fox Point, Nova Scotia, in the U.S. Army when they met at Fort Hood, Texas, in in 1899. At age 26 she met and married William Peach the early part of 1959. Something clicked between them Young, an Oregon native transplanted to New

as it has with other lethal soul mates, and they privately Brunswick, where he aspired to the role of an Adventist decided on a course of robbery and murder that would

“medical missionary” without benefit of ordination or carry them—almost—from coast to coast.

medical training. Soon after their marriage, with Lila That May, the friends went AWOL from Fort Hood, expecting the first of five children, the Youngs moved to making York’s hometown of Jacksonville, Florida, the Chicago, where William was licensed as a chiropractor first stop on their itinerary. On May 29 in Jacksonville, in December 1927. Two months later they moved back

to Nova Scotia, opening the Life and Health Sanitarium at a three-day trial in May 1936, but the Royal Cana-in East Chester, 40 miles southwest of Halifax. Lila dian Mounted Police adopted a policy of investigating entered service as a professional midwife, and their each reported death at the home in years to come.

establishment was soon rechristened the Ideal Mater-One problem, of course, was the issue of *un* reported nity Home and Sanitarium, with William acting as infant deaths. Handyman Glen Shatford would later superintendent and Lila as managing director. Clients admit burying between 100 and 120 babies in a field flocked to the “home” in response to

newspaper adver-owned by Lila's parents near Fox Point, adjoining the tisements that read:

Adventist cemetery. "We buried them in rows," he said,

"so it was easy to see how many there were." In a typi-IDEAL MATERNITY HOME "Mothers Refuge" also cal case, recalled by Shatford from April 1938, an *department for girls. NO PUBLICITY INFANTS home* unnamed infant lay in the Youngs' tool shed for five *in connection. Write for literature. East Chester, N.S.*

days, covered by a box, before it was driven to Fox Point for burial. A motive for the surreptitious disposal Brochures for the home promised to shield "Expec-may be found in Lila's standard charge of $300 to tant Mothers from gossip," but every service has its board a baby "for the rest of its natural life." Some price. Married women seeking refuge with the Youngs were farmed out to a neighbor who cared for their paid an average $75 each for delivery and two weeks of needs at a cost of three dollars a week, while others convalescence in the early days of operation, but unwed reached the end of their "natural lives" in record time.

mothers, frightened of scandal, faced a stiffer price. The Some adoption "rejects"—including children of mixed Youngs demanded an average $100 or $200 in advance race or those with physical defects—were reportedly for room and board, delivery of the infant, and arrang-starved to death on a diet of water and molasses.

ing subsequent adoption, plus another $12 for diapers For all the money paid to Lila and her husband by and supplies, with an average two-dollar weekly main-their pregnant clients, the Youngs made their greatest tenance fee for warehousing infants between delivery profit from adoptive parents, charging an average of and adoption. If a baby died at the home, the mother $800 to $1,000 per infant in the 1930s, escalating to an was changed $20 for a funeral—performed by the average $5,000 per head during World War II. In the Youngs' handyman at a standing rate of 50 cents per 1940s, Ideal Maternity earned $60,000 per year from corpse, with white pine butterboxes standing in for its live-in clients, including a special $50 fee from any coffins.

mother who specified adoptive parents of a particular In short, it was the classic "BABY FARMING" racket, religion. On the flip side, Lila and William banked at elevated to an art form. Girls without the ready cash in least $3.5 million from the "adoption"—that is, sale—

hand were sometimes allowed to work off their debts at of infants between 1937 and 1947. One client who the home, thus providing the Youngs with a steady changed her mind in 1946 and sought to get her child stream of unpaid domestic help. Medical care was back was told the boy had already been placed for another realm open to shortcuts, with Lila and William adoption, but he might be retrieved . . . if the mother each billing themselves as “doctors” on their letter-could come up with $10,000 in cash.

heads. In fact, Lila delivered the babies herself, while By 1943, the Youngs were housing 70 infants on any William knelt at the bedside in prayer, but some clients given day. Their original cottage had grown to a saw a more ruthless side of the Youngs, complaining of sprawling complex of 54 rooms, 14 bathrooms, and Lila’s rough—even brutal—handling. “She was physi-multiple nurseries, valued at $40,000 with no outstand-cally immense,” one client recalled. “She had an overing mortgage. Clients could reserve private or semipri-powering presence and a great sense of power. She vate rooms, if they were put off by the thought of could strike terror into people. No one dared to chal-sleeping on a common ward. Business was so good, in lenge her.”

fact, that Lila began to brag . . . and thereby caused herIn short order, the Ideal Maternity Home became a self no end of grief.

virtual baby factory, hosting scores of unwed mothers Public health officials had been watching the Youngs averaging age 17. Between 1928 and 1935, Lila

for a decade, but they found their first concrete evi-reported 148 births and 12 infants deaths at the home, dence of neglect in 1945, inspectors reporting squalid a mortality rate of 8.1 percent that nearly tripled Nova conditions, swarming flies and filthy bedding, some Scotia’s 3.1 percent average. On March 4, 1936, Lila infants weighing 50 percent of the norm for their age.

and William were changed with two counts of

Lila fired back with charges of harassment, but her time manslaughter in the January deaths of Eva Nieforth and was running out. A new amendment to the Maternity her newborn child, allegedly caused by negligence and Boarding House Act of 1940 broadened licensing unsanitary conditions at the home. Both were acquitted requirements to incorporated companies, and the **298**

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Youngs' license application was swiftly rejected, Ideal City, when he claimed his first victim in 1966. On Octo-Maternity ordered shut down in November 1945.

ber 24 of that year, police responded to a homicide It was not that simple to close a multimillion-dollar report at Yukl's apartment house, where they discov-business, of course, and the Youngs continued to oper-ered the body of 25-year-old Suzanne Reynolds. A stu-ate without a license while their case was appealed. U.S.

dent of Yukl's, she had been beaten, stripped, and Immigration officers joined the chorus of complaints in stabbed to death before the teacher "found" her in a early 1946, citing evidence that Lila had smuggled vacant flat, investigating after he "noticed" the open black-market babies into the United States. In March, door on his way upstairs.

the Youngs were arraigned on eight counts, including Arrested and charged with the murder the next

violation of the Maternity Boarding House Act and morning, Yukl confessed under questioning, before his practicing medicine without a license, but their convic-attorney arrived at the jail. Months of wrangling over tion on three counts on March 27 resulted in a piddling constitutional issues led to a plea bargain in February fine of $150. On June 4, 1946, they were convicted of 1968, with reduced charges of manslaughter earning illegally selling babies to four American couples and Yukl a sentence of seven to 15 years in prison. A model fined a total of $428.90. William, drinking heavily by inmate, Yukl was released on parole in June 1973, two now, was later convicted of perjury based on his testi-years before the expiration of his "guaranteed mini-mony at the June trial, but babies were still being born mum" sentence. Objections from the state were over-at Ideal Maternity in early 1947.

ruled, with Yukl cited as "a good risk for parole." He The end, when it came, was as much a result of Lila's waited all of 14 months before he killed again.

arrogance as any official action. Fuming at media cover-On August 20, 1974, the nude and strangled body of age of her case, she filed a $25,000 libel suit against a Karen Schlegel, an aspiring actress, was discovered on local newspaper, thereby opening the floodgates of the rooftop of an apartment house in Greenwich Vil-damning testimony from all sides. Jurors dismissed her lage. She had been dead 12 hours when a janitor dis-suit after

brief deliberation, and the trial exposed her covered her remains, but authorities had no difficulty operation for the brutal, mercenary sham it was. Ideal selecting a suspect. Charles Yukl was a tenant of the Maternity was closed before year's end, the Youngs house where Schlegel died, and he confessed to luring bankrupt and debt-ridden, finally selling off their prophis victim with an advertisement placed in a theatrical erty and moving to Quebec. The "home," scheduled for magazine. Upon arrival, Karen Schlegel had been stran-conversion into a resort hotel, burned to the ground on gled with a necktie, stripped, and carried to the roof September 23, 1962. Cancer had claimed William's life where she was found.

by year's end, and Lila died of leukemia in 1967 after Psychiatrists found Yukl competent for trial, and he moving back to Nova Scotia. Her tombstone bears the was formally indicted on September 6. On June 3, legend: "till we meet again."

1976, he managed to strike another bargain with the state, accepting a sentence of 15 years to life in return for his guilty plea. This time, however, there would be **YUKL, Charles William**

no premature parole. On August 22, 1982, the killer A child of divorce, Charles Yukl was 31 years old and hanged himself in prison with a shredded mattress married, self-employed as a piano teacher in New York cover, and his death was ruled a suicide.

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ZARINSKY, Robert

driello abduction. According to acquaintances, Zarin-Born in New Jersey during 1941, Robert Zarinsky sky had been boasting of the murder, confident that he exhibited signs of mental instability in adolescence. By could not be prosecuted in the absence of a corpse.

the early 1960s he was calling himself "Lt. Schaefer, Authorities felt otherwise. On February 25, 1975, leader of the American Republican Army." Convicted Zarinsky was charged with the murder of Rosemary of ARSON and grave desecration after he torched five Calandriello and held in lieu of $125,000 bond. His trial lumberyards and vandalized Jewish cemeteries in Monin April ended with Zarinsky's conviction of first-degree mouth and Union Counties, the one-man army spent 13

murder, and he was sentenced to life imprisonment. The months in Trenton State Psychiatric Hospital. Despite verdict was affirmed on appeal

in July 1976, the appel-his daily contact with psychiatrists, Zarinsky still late court ruling that failure to produce a victim's body slipped through the net, his lethal quirks unrecognized was no bar to prosecution in a murder case—particularly by trained professionals. Settling in Linden upon his when the suspect brags about the killing to his friends.

release, Zarinsky opened a wholesale produce business, Zarinsky made headlines again in August 1999,

but his darker fantasies cried out for satisfaction.

when FBI agents and officers from seven other law In April 1969, 17-year-old Linda Balbanow was kid-enforcement agencies scoured his former home in Lin-napped on the short walk home from her job at a drug-den, Pennsylvania, seeking traces of four additional vic-store in Union County, New Jersey. Her lifeless body tims. Zarinsky inherited the house from his mother, and was recovered soon thereafter, floating in the Raritan after his arrest it had acquired a local reputation for River near Woolbridge. When 16-year-old Rosemary being "haunted." At the same time, Zarinsky's sister Calandriello disappeared from Atlantic Highlands later implicated Zarinsky and cousin Theodore Schiffer in that year, Zarinsky was charged with her kidnapping.

the 1958 murder of Rahway, New Jersey, police officer Authorities delayed prosecution while the futile search Charles Bernoskie. Schiffer pled guilty in that case and for her body continued, and Zarinsky's attorney won turned state's evidence against Zarinsky, but a jury dismissal of the charge on grounds that his client was acquitted Zarinsky of Bernoskie's murder. Undeterred, denied a speedy trial.

Bernoskie's widow filed a civil suit against Zarinsky for In December 1974, police had their eyes on Zarinsky wrongful death, and a second jury found him liable on again, this time investigating the murders of 14-year-old August 21, 2003, awarding the plaintiff an uncollec-Doreen Carlucci and 15-year-old Joanne Delardo in table $9.5 million in damages.

Middlesex Country. The victims were kidnapped

together, their bodies discarded in Manalapan Township, half naked, each strangled with electric cord.

"ZEBRA" Murders

Detectives were still seeking positive links in the two For a period of 179 days, between October 1973 and recent crimes when they got a fresh

break on the Calan-APril 1974, white residents of San Francisco were ter-
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“ZEBRA” Murders

rorized by a series of random, racially motivated and wounding a fifth in the space of two hours. The attacks that claimed 15 lives, leaving another eight vic-dead included 32-year-old Tana Smith, shot down on tims wounded or raped. By January 1974, authorities her way to a fabric store; Vincent Wollin, killed on his knew with fair certainty that the killers were members 69th birthday; 54-year-old John Bambic, shot repeat-of a Black Muslim splinter group, the “Death Angels,”

edly at point-blank range; and 45-year-old Jane Holly, that required the murder of “blue-eyed devils” as a fatally wounded by a gunman who approached her on form of initiation. By their very nature—and the form the street. Survivor Roxanne Miller, age 23, recalled of the police response —the “Zebra” murders (so called that her assailant smiled and said “Hi” before he after a police code name for the case) heightened racial opened fire.

tension by the Bay and left a legacy of doubt that time On April 1, 19-year-old Thomas Rainwater and 21-has failed to dissipate.

year-old Linda Story were gunned down while walking The first known “Zebra” victims were Richard and to a neighborhood store. Rainwater was killed outright, Quita Hague, abducted by blacks in a van as they while Story survived with permanent nerve damage.

walked down the street on October 19, 1973. Richard Two weeks later, on Easter Sunday, Ward Anderson and Hague was hacked about the head and face with a Terry White were wounded by black gunmen at a San machete, stunned and left for dead before the attackers Francisco bus stop. The last victim, Nelson Shields, was raped his wife and finished her with the same machete, shot three times in the back and killed on April 16, leaving her nearly decapitated. By some miracle, 1974.

Richard survived the ordeal.

Police response to the “Zebra” murders was almost Three days later, gunman Jessie Lee Cooks abducted as controversial as the crimes themselves. A policy of a young white woman, holding her captive for two stopping blacks at random on the street and frisking hours while he raped her repeatedly and forced her to them for weapons produced cries of racism

and civil perform oral sex. Arrested on this and other charges rights violations, while producing no viable suspects.

prior to the conclusion of the “Zebra” case, Cooks—a The case was broken in late April when gunman

psychopathic ex-convict—pled guilty to one count of Anthony Cornelius Harris surrendered voluntarily and murder in return for dismissal of other counts. By the made a full confession to authorities. Turning state’s time the “Zebra” case broke in 1974, he was already evidence, he named eight Death Angel killers aside from serving his sentence.

himself, and seven of the suspects were picked up in On October 29, 28-year-old Frances Rose was shot raids on May 1. (Jessie Cooks was already in prison.) and killed by a black man who tried to invade her mov-Four of the suspects were ultimately freed for lack of ing car on a San Francisco street. A month later, on solid evidence, and they remain at large today. Indicted November 25, 53-year-old Saleem Erakat was tied up for the “Zebra” crimes were Jessie Cooks, J. C. Simon, and shot execution-style in his small grocery store. Paul Larry Craig Green, and Manuel Leonard Moore. Harris, Dancik died on December 11, shot three times in the Moore, and Cooks had met while serving time in San chest while walking to a corner phone booth. Two days Quentin on various felony charges, and they had joined later, 35-year-old Arthur Agnos was wounded and the Black Muslim movement while still behind bars.

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Marietta Di Girolamo was killed in separate, random The “Zebra” trial set a new record for California shooting incidents. The use of a similar (or identical) criminal proceedings, lasting from March 3, 1975 to weapon in each of the crimes suggested one triggerman March 9, 1979. Three of the four defense attorneys or a group of killers sharing lethal hardware.

were provided and paid by the Nation of Islam in a Things went from bad to worse near Christmas. On demonstration of solidarity with the accused murderers.

December 20, 81-year-old Ilario Bertuccio was killed At the end of the marathon trial, jurors took barely 18

while walking home from work, and Angela Roselli hours to convict all defendants on all counts, and the was wounded three times as she left a Christmas party.

four gunmen were sentenced to life imprisonment.

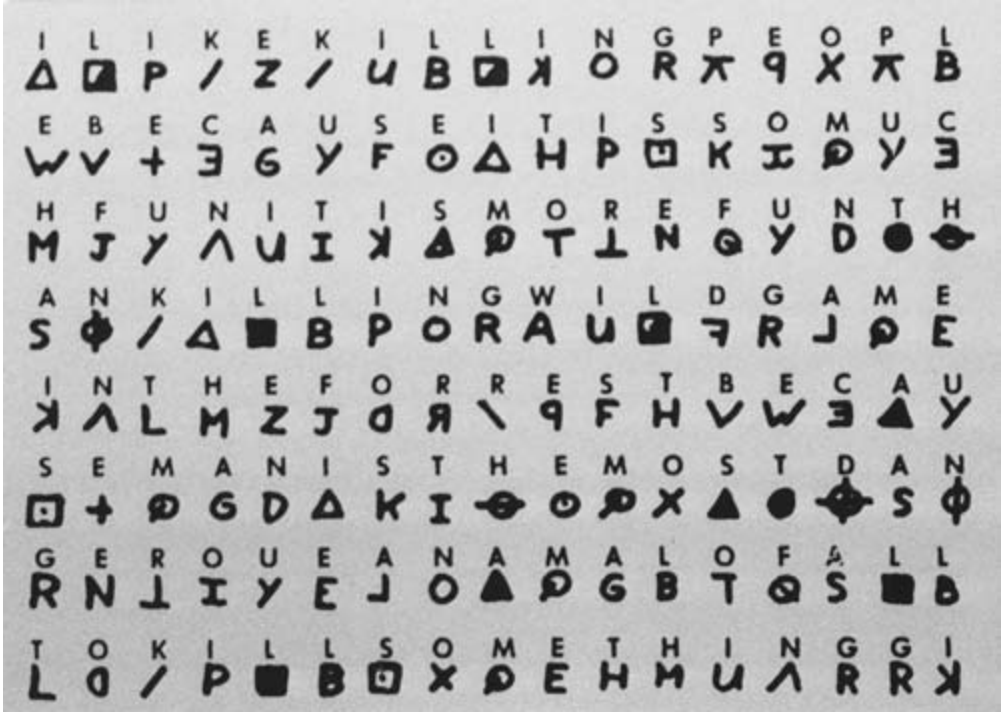
Neal Moynihan, 19, and 50-year-old Mildred Hosler As for the Death Angels, their existence has never died six minutes apart on December 22, cut down in been publicly acknowledged by American law enforce-random attacks. On December 23, a gathering of Death ment, and the results of confidential investigations into Angels tortured and dismembered an unknown tran-the cult remain classified. According to author Clark sient in their San Francisco loft, dumping his mangled Howard, there were 15 “accredited” Death Angels—

remains on a beach where they were found next morn-those who had earned their “wings” by killing a speci-ing. Never identified, he is listed in homicide files as fied numbers of white—at large in California during

“John Doe #169” for 1973.

1973. None of them were swept up in the “Zebra”

The killers celebrated the New Year with a free-dragnet, which bagged only prospective members, still wheeling rampage on January 28, killing four persons short of their tally for final qualification. They and their **301**



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brethren in the cult are presumably still at large and case on April 30, 1967, identical letters were posted to possibly still hunting.

the newspaper, police, and to the victim’s father. They read: “Bates had to die. There will be more.”

On December 20, 1968, 17-year-old David Faraday **ZIKODE, Christopher Mhlengwa**

was parked with his date, 16-year-old Betty Lou Jensen, A South African predator known as the “Donnybrook on a rural road east of the Vallejo city limits in northern Serial Killer,” after the rural Natal midlands town California. A night-stalking gunman found them there where his crimes were committed, Zikode murdered 18

and killed both teenagers, shooting Faraday in the head victims and attempted to kill 11 more between 1993

as he sat behind the wheel of his car. Betty Lou ran 30

and 1995. Launching his rampage at age 19, Zikode feet before she was cut down by a tight group of five followed the same MODUS OPERANDI in most of his shots in the back, fired from a .22-caliber automatic attacks: choosing a likely house, he kicked the door in, pistol.

gunned down any men or boys on hand, then dragged On July 4, 1969, Michael Mageau, 19, picked up the females off to nearby plantations where

they were his date, 22-year-old Darlene Ferrin, for a night on the raped repeatedly—for up to five hours at a stretch—

town. At one point, Mageau believed they were being before they, too, were killed. If the women resisted his followed, but Darlene seemed to recognize the other assault, Zikode was not above shooting them first and motorist, telling Mageau, “Don’t worry about it.” By then raping their corpses. An alternative technique, midnight, they were parked at Blue Rock Springs Park employed with several victims, involved ambushing when a familiar vehicle pulled alongside and the driver women or girls on lonely footpaths, carrying them off shined a bright light in their eyes, opening fire with a to be raped and killed.

9mm pistol. Hit four times, Mageau survived; Dar-Zikode was arrested for the first time in July 1995

lene, with nine wounds, was dead on arrival at a local for the attempted murder of a female victim named hospital.

Beauty Zulu. Granted bail on that charge, he commit-Forty minutes after the shooting, Vallejo police ted at least five more offenses—including one murder, received an anonymous call, directing officers to the one rape, two attempted murders, and one housebreak-murder scene. Before hanging up, the male caller ing with intent to rape—before he was jailed again in declared, “I also killed those kids last year.”

September. Held this time without bond, Zikode went In retrospect, friends and relatives recalled that Darto trial in late 1996, the proceedings highlighted by lene Ferrin had been suffering harassment through South Africa’s star forensic profiler, DR. MICKI PISTO-anonymous phone calls and intimidating visits by a RIUS. Finally convicted on 21 charges including eight heavyset stranger in the weeks before her death. She murders, five rapes, five attempted murders, and one called the strange man Paul and told one girlfriend that indecent assault—all committed between April and Sep-he wished to silence her because she had seen him com- tember 1995—Zikode was sentenced on January 7, mit a murder. Police searched for “Paul” in the wake of 1997, to a prison term of 140 years. The High Court Darlene’s slaying, but he was never located or identified.

judge who sentenced him avoided comment on the

“gory details” of the case but did remark specifically on Zikode’s “contemptible” attitude toward women.

“ZODIAC”

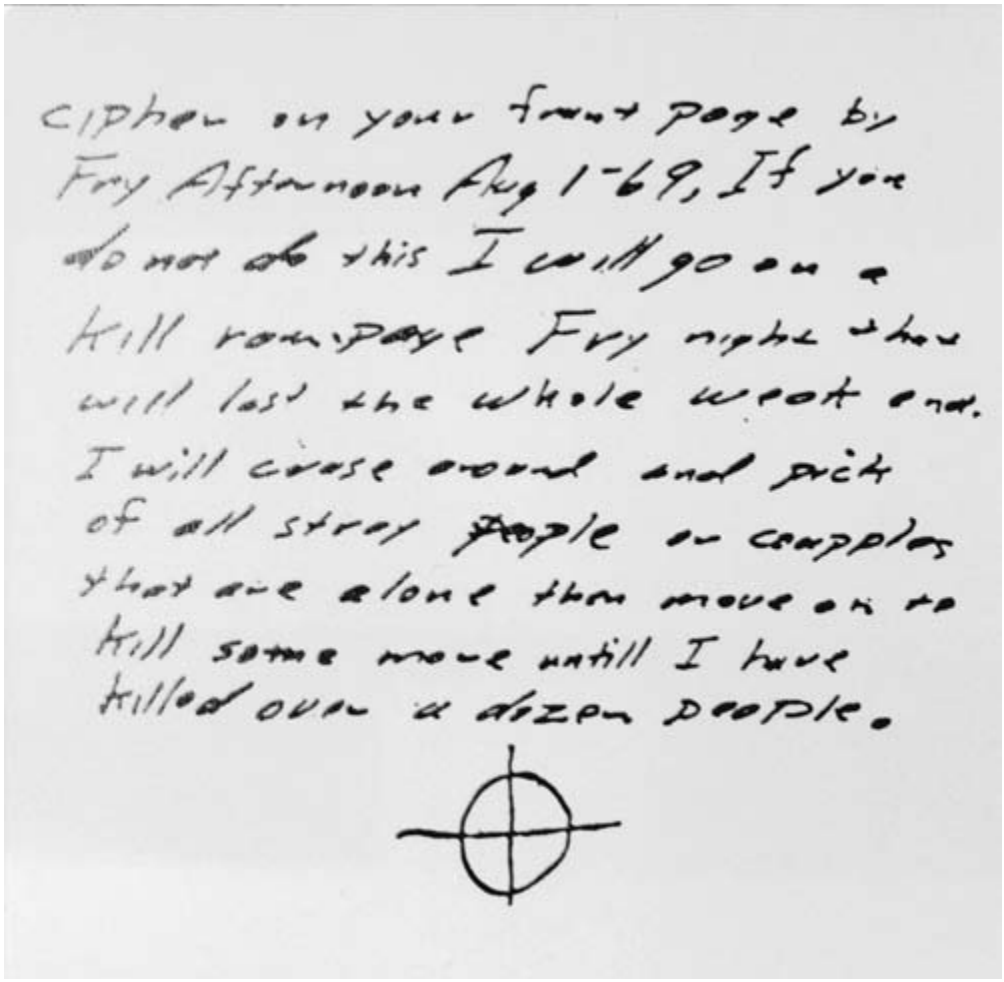
California's most elusive serial killer claimed his first confirmed victim on October 30, 1966, in Riverside.

That evening, Cheri Jo Bates, an 18-year-old freshman at Riverside City College, emerged from the campus library to find her car disabled, the distributor coil disconnected. Police theorize that her killer approached with an offer of help, then dragged her behind some nearby shrubbery where a furious struggle ended with Cheri stabbed in the chest and back, her throat slashed so deeply that she was nearly decapitated.

In November 1966, a letter to the local press

declared that Cheri "is not the first and she will not be

"Zodiac" cryptogram, decoded by a California high school the last." Following publication of an article about the teacher (Author's collection)



"ZODIAC"

A phone call to police reported the crime, but by that time, a fisherman had already discovered the victims.

Brian Hartnell survived his wounds, but Cecilia Shepherd was doomed, another victim for the man who called himself the Zodiac.

On October 11, San Francisco cab driver Paul Stine was shot in the head and killed with a 9mm automatic pistol. Witnesses saw the gunman escape on foot toward the Presidio, and police descended on the neighborhood in force. At one point in the search, two patrolmen stopped a heavyset pedestrian and were directed in pursuit of their elusive prey, not realizing that the "tip" had been provided by the very man they sought.

In the wake of Stine's murder, the Zodiac launched a new barrage of letters, some containing swatches of the cabbie's bloodstained shirt. Successive messages claimed seven victims, instead of the established five, and the killer threatened to "wipe out a school bus some morning." He also vowed to change his method Threatening "Zodiac" letter addressed to a San Francisco of "collecting souls": "They shall look like routine rob-

newspaper (Author's collection)

beries, killings of anger, & a few fake suicides, etc."

Five days before Christmas, he wrote to prominent attorney Melvin Belli, pleading for help with the chilling remark that "I cannot remain in control for much On July 31, 1969, the killer mailed letters to three longer."

Bay Area newspapers, each containing one-third of a On March 22, 1970, Kathleen Johns was driving

cryptic cipher. Ultimately broken by a local high school with her infant daughter near Modesto, California, teacher, the message began: "I like killing people when another motorist pulled her over, flashing his because it is so much fun." The author explained that headlights and beeping his horn. The man informed her he was killing in an effort to "collect slaves," who that a rear tire on her car seemed dangerously loose; he would serve him in the afterlife. Another correspon-worked on it briefly with a lug wrench, but when she dence, mailed on August 7, introduced the "Zodiac"

tried to drive away, the wheel fell off. Her benefactor name and provided details of the latest murder, leaving offered a lift to the nearest garage, then took Kathleen police in no doubt its author was the killer.

on an aimless drive through the countryside, threaten-On September 27, 20-year-old Bryan Hartnell and ing her life and that of her child before she managed to Cecilia Shepherd, 20, were enjoying a picnic at Lake escape from the car, hiding in a roadside irrigation Berryessa near Vallejo when they were accosted by a ditch. Reporting the abduction at a local police

station, hooded gunman. Covering them with a pistol, the Johns noticed a wanted poster bearing sketches of the stranger described himself as an escaped convict who Zodiac, and she identified the man as her attacker.

needed their car “to go to Mexico.” Producing a coil of Nine more letters were received from Zodiac

clothesline, he bound both victims before drawing a long between April 1970 and March 1971, but police were knife, stabbing Hartnell five times in the back. Cecilia unable to trace further crimes in the series. On January Shepherd was stabbed 14 times, including four in the 30, 1974, a San Francisco newspaper received the first chest as she twisted away from the plunging blade.

authentic Zodiac letter in nearly three years, signing off Departing the scene, their assailant paused at Hart-with the notation: “Me-37; SFPD-0.”

nell’s car to scribble on the door with a felt-tipped pen.

One officer who took the estimated body count seri-He wrote:

ously was Sheriff Don Striepke of Sonoma County. In a 1975 report, Striepke referred to a series of 40 unsolved *Vallejo*

murders in four western states, which seemed to form a *12-20-68*

giant Z when plotted on the map. While tantalizing, *7-4-69*

Striepke’s theory seemed to fall apart with the identifi-Sept 27-69-6:30

cation of THEODORE BUNDY as a prime suspect in sev-by knife

eral of the homicides.

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“ZODIAC”

On April 24, 1978, the Zodiac mailed his 21st letter, during the late 1960s, his penchant for writing to chilling Bay Area residents with the news that “I am the press after various criminal acts, and his back with you.” No traceable crimes were committed, demonstrated expertise at building bombs. (The however, and Homicide Inspector Dave Toschi was Zodiac never used explosives, but one of his let-later removed from the Zodiac detail on suspicion of ters included a crude diagram of a bomb.) Unfor-writing the letter himself. In fact, while Toschi con-tunately for proponents of this theory, Kaczynski fessed to writing several anonymous letters to the press, has been cleared of involvement in the Zodiac

praising his own performance on the case, expert ana-murders by both the FBI and the San Francisco

lysts agree that the April note was, in fact, written by Police Department. According to official reports, the killer.

Kaczynski was exonerated of the murders by fin-Theories abound in the Zodiac case. One was aired gerprint and handwriting comparison, and by

by author “George Oakes” (a pseudonym) in the

proof of his absence from California on five spe-November 1981 issue of *California* magazine, based on cific dates of known Zodiac activity.

a presumption of the killer’s obsession with water, *Lawrence Kane:* Profiled as a Zodiac suspect by clocks, binary mathematics, and the writings of Lewis the *America’s Most Wanted* TV show on Carroll. Oakes claimed to know the Zodiac’s identity November 14, 1998, Kane was 38 years old in

and says the killer telephoned him several times at 1962, when he suffered brain damage in an

home. He blames the Zodiac for an ARSON fire that rav-automobile accident. Three years later, a psy-

aged 25,000 acres near Lake Berryessa in June 1981, chologist declared that Kane was “losing the

but *California* editors acknowledged that FBI agents ability to control self-gratification.” Darlene

“weren’t very impressed” with the theory. Spokesmen Ferrin’s sister reportedly named Kane as the man for the California state attorney general’s office went who followed and harassed Ferrin over several

further, describing the tale as “a lot of bull.”

weeks before her murder, and Kane disposed of

Despite collection of 30 or 40 fingerprints allegedly his car five days after the Mageau-Ferrin shoot-belonging to the Zodiac (reports vary on the total num-ing in July 1969. Kathleen Johns also reportedly ber), the killer remains unidentified today. Hundreds of identified Kane as the man who abducted her in suspects were questioned, their fingerprints compared March 1970. Researcher Tom Voigt claims that

to those on file, but all in vain. Zodiac suspects publicly Kane’s surname “can be easily seen” in a Zodiac identified to date include:

cipher mailed to police on April 20, 1970

(though other students of the correspondence

Bruce Davis: A one-time member of the Charles disagree). Voigt also reports that Kane was liv-MANSON “FAMILY,” presently serving a life

sen-

ing in Nevada “as of early 1999,” a fact appartence for two counts of first-degree murder in Cal-ently unknown to producers of *America’s Most* ifornia, Davis lived in San Francisco prior to *Wanted* when they broadcast pleas for viewers joining Manson’s tribe and moving south.

to locate him three months earlier. Kane’s pre-Although a proven killer with a fascination for sent whereabouts are unknown, but since no

occult symbolism, Davis did not fit descriptions of charges have been filed against him, he is free to the crew-cut Zodiac and no evidence exists to link travel where he will.

him with the slayer’s crimes. His fingerprints do *Rick Marshall:* A Texas native, 38 years old at the not match those alleged to be the Zodiac’s, and time of the Zodiac’s first known murder in 1966, Davis was in custody by mid-1970, thus ruled out Marshall seems to be linked with the crimes more as a source of Zodiac letters mailed after that by geographic coincidence than anything resem-time. Finally, researcher Tom Voigt cites a 1970

bling solid evidence. Tom Voigt reports that Mar-report from the California Bureau of Criminal

shall “is still considered a strong Zodiac suspect Identification and Investigation, noting that “All by several investigators,” but his fingerprints male members of the Manson family have been

match none of those collected from the Zodiac’s investigated and eliminated as Zodiac suspects.”

crime scenes or letters. In place of evidence, we *Theodore Kaczynski:* The elusive “Unabomber,”

are told that Marshall lived in Riverside “at the presently serving life without parole in federal approximate time” of the Bates murder, but later prison on three counts of first-degree murder, resided in San Francisco from 1969 to 1989. His Kaczynski was named as a Zodiac suspect after

apartment stood “within a few miles” of the Stine FBI agents arrested him in 1998. The “evidence”

murder scene, and the call letters of a radio sta-usually cited in support of his candidacy includes tion (KTIM) where Marshall worked in the early Kaczynski’s residency in the San Francisco area 1970s allegedly “resemble” cryptic symbols from **304**

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one of the Zodiac's letters. On balance, it is some-Tuesday, November 1, 1966, first claiming the

thing less than a compelling case.

time off as "school business," later changing

Michael O'Hare: Initially named as a Zodiac sushis story to make it a sick day. Accusers sug-

pect by author Gareth Penn in his book *Times 17*

gest that he took the day off to recuperate

(1987), later featured as one of several Zodiac from hypothetical "facial wounds" inflicted

prospects on the Learning Channel's review of the by Riverside murder victim Cherry Bates on

case, O'Hare is linked to the crimes only by an October 30. However, Bates was killed on

ephemeral web of conjecture involving Morse

Sunday night, some 350 miles south of Calav-

code and binary mathematics. Penn also flies in eras County, and Allen taught classes the fol-the face of established evidence, blaming the

lowing day without incident.

Zodiac for homicides committed in Massachusetts (2) A Royal typewriter with Elite type, the same as late as 1981. Most students of the case dismiss kind used to write the anonymous letters fol-his theory as implausible; a notation on Tom

lowing Cherry Bates's murder, was seized in a

Voigt's Zodiac Web site goes further, asserting search of Allen's home on February 14, 1991.

that "it is the opinion of more than one researcher Although police specifically listed the type-that Penn himself makes a much better candidate writer on their search warrant, Zodiac

to be the Zodiac than does O'Hare."

researcher Jake Wark reports that no effort

Charles Clifton Collins: Named publicly as a suspect had been made as of 2002 to match the

for the first time in October 2002, Collins was fin-machine with the Bates correspondence. Until

gered by his son, New York journalism student

a match is made, Allen's possession of the

William Collins, in a report aired by television's typewriter proves nothing.

Primetime Live. As the younger Collins explained, (3) Sometime in late 1968 or early 1969 (reported he was reading a book on the Zodiac murders

dates vary), Allen allegedly told acquaintance sometime in the 1990s, when he saw photocopies Don Cheney that he planned to commit a

of the killer's letters and thought, "Oh my God, series of random murders, shooting couples in

that's my dad's handwriting." Further research lover's lanes and taunting police with letters persuaded Collins that his father (deceased in signed "Zodiac." Allen's offhand discussion

1993) resembled suspect sketches of the Zodiac, of his planned crimes supposedly included

that his shoe size matched the killer's, and that he specific descriptions of his intended weapons

lived in San Francisco when the murders were

and plans to attack a school bus (threatened

committed. The suspect's initials—"CCC"—were

in one of the Zodiac's subsequent letters).

also penned on one of the cards Zodiac sent police Cheney's credibility suffers from the fact that in his heyday. William Collins appealed to the he first revealed the alleged conversation in

producers for help, saying, "I need to know if July 1971, nearly two years after the last

Charles Clifton Collins, my father, the guy who known Zodiac murder made international

held me when I was a baby—was a serial killer. I headlines. Even then, he told an employer,

have to know. I have to know." Subsequent DNA

rather than contacting police directly, and

testing on an envelope licked by Collins's father important details of his story changed over

formally excluded him as a suspect.

time. Critics note that Cheney once com-

Arthur Leigh Allen: The most widely known Zodiac plained of Allen attempting to molest his

suspect, named during his lifetime by several Cali-

(Cheney's) daughter on a camping trip, and

fornia investigators and after his death by author Vallejo detectives acknowledged that "This

Robert Graysmith (among others) in his book

might be a motive why Cheney would make

Zodiac Unmasked (2002). Allen was investigated such an accusation against Arthur Allen."

by various law enforcement agencies from Octo-

(4) On October 6, 1969, Allen was questioned by ber 1969 until the week after his death in August Vallejo police concerning the Lake Berryessa

1992, and although he pleaded guilty to child

attack. In that interview, he reportedly told

molestation in March 1975, serving 29 months in authorities that he "was going to go to

a California state hospital, no charges were ever Berryessa" on the day of the crime, but

filed against him in connection with the Zodiac changed his mind and "went up the coast

case. Arguments for and against Allen's guilt in instead." Allen cited a couple from Treasure

the Zodiac murders include the following points: Island as alibi witnesses but never supplied

(1) While employed as a schoolteacher in Calav-police with their names, address, or telephone eras County, California, Allen missed work on

number. Accusers note that Allen's shoe size

was identical to that of footprints left by the had been compared to that of all Zodiac letters received Lake Berryessa killer (though the prints were

thus far, and none were found to match. A year later, never matched to shoes owned by Allen). Sur-Vallejo police sought a second opinion from FBI hand-vivor Bryan Hartnell allegedly viewed Allen at writing experts, whereupon Allen was "dismissed as a work, sometime in the mid-1970s, reportedly

suspect" in the Zodiac correspondence. A search of telling police that Allen's "physical appear-Allen's home on September 14, 1972, "found

nothing ance and voice were the same as Zodiac's."

that would incriminate Allen in the Zodiac crimes,"

While the date of the viewing is uncertain, we and he subsequently passed a 10-hour polygraph exam-must recall that several years (at least) had

ination. His fingerprints were also compared with all passed since the attack, and furthermore that

those collected in the Zodiac case and produced no Hartnell never saw the killer's face. A foot-matches. On balance, Jake Wark is probably correct in long knife was seized at Allen's home during

his judgment that Allen "was simply one of dozens of the police search of February 14, 1991, but

Vallejo locals who had been fingered by a friend, an again researcher Jake Wark reports that no

enemy, an acquaintance, or a relative based on little efforts have yet been made (as of September

more than a hunch."

2002) to match the knife with wounds suf-

Police took what may be their last stab at solving the fered by the Lake Berryessa victims.

case in October 2002, when they submitted envelopes (5) Four days after the Vallejo police interview, from various Zodiac correspondence for DNA testing.

on October 10, 1969, Allen allegedly told

Their hope: If the killer licked a stamp or envelope flap, acquaintance Ralph Spinelli that he was

saliva traces might contain enough genetic material to

"going to San Francisco to kill a cabbie." The identify the killer once and for all. In fact, Dr. Cydne Paul Stine murder occurred one day later and

Holt, supervisor of the San Francisco Police Depart-was reported throughout the United States

ment's DNA laboratory, did recover DNA samples from and around the world. Nonetheless, Spinelli

one stamp on a Zodiac card, mailed on November 8, made no report of the conversation until

1969, but the test results were disappointing to many December 1990, when he (Spinelli) was

investigators. When compared to brain tissue preserved charged with armed robbery in Nevada, fac-from Arthur Allen's 1992 autopsy, the DNA conclu-ing a 30-year-prison term. As in the case of

sively eliminated Allen as the man who licked the Don Cheney, Spinelli also had a prior history

stamp. The same test also excluded suspect Charles of conflict with Allen: Allen had been arrested Clifton Collins and an unnamed "prominent San Fran-in Vallejo on June 15, 1958, after a fistfight cisco lawyer who is still living."

with Spinelli, and the charges were dismissed

But does DNA in fact clear Allen as the killer? Dr.

three weeks later.

Holt equivocated, noting that the stamp sample con-

(6) In July 1992, Zodiac survivor Michael

tained only four of a possible nine DNA markers, plus Mageau allegedly picked Allen's mug shot

gender indicators proving that the subject was male.

from a police photo lineup, telling detectives,

"It's not enough to positively identify anyone as

"That's him! He's the man who shot me!"

Zodiac," Holt told reporters, "but it is enough to nar-True or not, the fact remains that no charges

row suspicions, or perhaps even eliminate suspects."

were filed against Allen prior to his death

Journalist Robert Graysmith, author of two books tout-from natural causes on August 26, 1992.

ing Arthur Allen as the slayer, hedged his bets in an interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle.* "I've Despite the allegations against Arthur Leigh Allen, always wondered if there wasn't more than one person certain facts remain undisputed. A report to Vallejo involved," Graysmith said. "Someone running interfer-police from the California Department of Justice, dated ence for Allen. It's what makes it one of the great mys-July 29, 1971, states clearly that Allen's handwriting teries of all times."

Appendixes

The following appendix of cases not detailed in the ing of two men and a woman would show "2 M/1 F.") main text is divided into three parts,

dealing respec-Races are abbreviated as: **W** = white; **B** = black; **H** =

tively with solo murderers, team killers, and unsolved Hispanic; **A** = Asian; **NA** = Native American (including cases. Information provided for each includes the name, Inuit). Types of serial murder are abbreviated as: **N** =

sex, race, and age of perpetrator(s), where known; the nomadic; **T** = territorial; **S** = stationary. Motives are approximate date(s) and venue of homicidal activity; abbreviated as: **CE** = criminal enterprise: **PC** = personal the killer's type and motivation; plus a brief description cause; **Sex.** = sexual; **Sad.** = sadistic; **GC** = group cause.

of the case and disposition (where available). Abbrevia-

(Since motives often vary, more than one may be tions used throughout include the following: **AKA** =

listed—for example, PC/CE describes a killer who acts also known as; **d.** = died (followed by date); **MO** =

on occasion from personal motives, at other times for modus operandi. Gender abbreviations are standard: **M**

criminal gain.) Unsolved cases in Appendix C are listed

= male; **F** = female. (In cases of team killers, both gen-chronologically.

ders may appear—for example, a killing team consist-307

Appendix A: Solo Killers

Abbandando, Frank (1910–42) AKA: Dasher MO: Stabbed unarmed college student in fight; fatally SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

beat infant boy

DATE(S): 1931–40 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Convicted of second-degree murder, 40+

July 1993, sentenced 15 years to life; new trial in MO: Contract killer for "MURDER, INC."

1996 reduced verdict to involuntary manslaughter, DISPOSITION: Executed at Sing Sing, Feb. 19, 1942

sentenced 3–10 years; paroled April 1996; convicted of felony murder on Sept. 24, 1999, sentenced 42

Abdelali (1962–)

years

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 2001–04 VENUE: Taroudant, Morocco

Adams, Jeff (?–) AKA: Incubus

VICTIMS: Nine confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

MO: Pedophile torture-slayer of children whose bodies DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: San Gabriel, Calif. VIC-were found near his home

TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Confessed in custody; disposition MO: Tortured wealthy housewives to death in their unknown

homes

DISPOSITION: Life sentence

Abdelhaq, Dina (1964–)

SEX: F RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

Adolfo, Gustavo (1982–)

DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Two suspected

DATE(S): 1996–99 VENUE: San Miguel, El Salvador MO: Smothered seven-week-old daughter for

VICTIMS: 17 alleged

$200,000 life insurance; previous death of 18-

MO: Rape-mutilation slayings of young women

week-old daughter from SIDS considered suspi-

DISPOSITION: Convicted as a juvenile on seven mur-cious by police

der counts; sentenced to seven years

DISPOSITION: Convicted of mail fraud in federal court, received 21-year prison term in Sept. 1999; **Adorno, George** (1959–)

affirmed on appeal in April 2001

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1974/1977 VENUE: New York City VIC-

Adam, Scotty R. (1974–)

TIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO: Committed triple murder during robbery; killed DATE(S): 1993/1998 VENUE: Kansas VICTIMS:

again after 19 days on parole

Two

DISPOSITION: 15 years to life, 1977

Appendix A: Solo Killers

Akin, Joe Dewey (1956–)

MO: Rape-slayer of women, including neighbors and SEX:M RACE: W TYPE: N: MOTIVE: PC

prostitutes; claims he arranged S&M orgies for DATE(S):1990–91 VENUE: Ala./Ga. VICTIMS: 18

prominent citizens and killed at their request to pre-suspected

vent blackmail

MO:Hospital nurse who killed patients

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on five murder counts, DISPOSITION:Convicted on one count in Ala., 1992

Feb. 24, 2002

Akinmurele, Stephen (1978–99)

al-Hubal, Abdallah (d. 1998)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DATE(S): 1995–98 VENUE: Isle of Man and Black-

cific

pool, England VICTIMS: Five

DATE(S): 1989–98 VENUE: Ymen VICTIMS: 13

MO: Three elderly women killed in arson fires; elderly MO: Motive unclear in nine-year series of slayings couple bludgeoned during home invasion

DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with police, Aug.

DISPOSITION: Suicide by hanging prior to trial, 15, 1998

August 1999

Allam, Ibrahim Hamza DOB: Unknown

Albanese, Charles (1946–95)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1977–83 VENUE: Germany/Austria/France DATE(S): 1980–81 VENUE: Ill. VICTIMS: Three

VICTIMS: Four to six

MO:Poisoned father, mother-in-law, and grandmother MO: Killed twice from anger/jealousy; others for trans-to inherit family business

portation

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1982; executed Sept. 20, DISPOSITION: 20 years in Austria, 1986

1995

Allen, Bill (d. 1882)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Albani, Adil (1983–2005)

DATE(S): 1882 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

Four

cific

MO: Shot two men in argument and two policemen DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Zamboanga, Philippines

during manhunt

VICTIMS: More than four

DISPOSITION: Killed while resisting arrest, Dec. 1882

MO: Stabbed several fishermen; shot 50-year-old Chinese woman

Allen, Billy (?–?)

DISPOSITION: Killed by vigilante gunman on Feb. 15, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

2005, while hiding from police

DATE(S): 1880s VENUE: S. Dak./ N. Mex. VIC-

TIMS: “Several”

Albright, Charles (1934–) AKA: Dallas Ripper MO: Old West gunfighter

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. VIC-

TIMS: Three

Allen, David Michael [*See* MU’MIN, DAWUD MAJID]

MO: Shot female prostitutes and cut out their eyes DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1991

Allen, Quincy (1980–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

Alderisio, Felix Anthony (1912–71)

DATE: 2002 VENUE: NC/SC VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Random thrill-killer, shot one woman and three DATE(S): 1930s–65 VENUE:Chicago, Ill. VIC-men; burned woman's body

TIMS: 13+

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on two counts in North MO: Syndicate "enforcer" and hit man

Carolina, received life prison term on Feb. 28, 2004

DISPOSITION: Convicted of extortion, 1966; died in prison, 1971

Allen, Shirley Goude (1941–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Alegre, Patrice (1969–)

DATE(S): 1978/82 VENUE: St. Louis, Mo. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1989–97 VENUE: Toulouse, France VIC-

MO: "Black widow" poisoner of husbands for life TIMS: 30+ alleged

insurance

DISPOSITION: Life term with 50-year minimum, 1984

DISPOSITION: Sentenced to 48 years on two rape counts, 1978; paroled in 1992 and again in 2000, **Allen, Wanda Jean** (1959–2001)

returned to prison each time for parole violations SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1981/1988 VENUE: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Amati, Tony Ray (1977–)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

MO: Shot her lesbian lovers during arguments

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Las Vegas, Nev. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Convicted of manslaughter in 1981, TIMS: Three alleged

subsequently paroled; executed for second killing on MO:"Thrill-killer" of male victims shot during petty Jan. 11, 2001

robberies

DISPOSITION: Sentenced to life on one count, Decem-Allison, Robert A. (1840–87) AKA: Clay

ber 1999; acquitted on a second count by same jury, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

though police found the murder weapon in his

DATE(S): 1870–87 VENUE: Tex./N. Mex. VIC-

home; third murder count dismissed

TIMS: 15–21

MO: Alcoholic “shootist” and diagnosed “maniac”; **Amberg, Louis** (1898–1935) AKA: Pretty

killed one victim for snoring

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DISPOSITION: Killed in freak accident with wagon, DATE(S): 1918–35 VENUE: New York City VIC-1887

TIMS: “At least 100”

MO: Psychopathic Brooklyn racketeer

Allitt, Beverly (1968–) AKA: Angel of Death DISPOSITION: Murdered by gangland rivals, Oct.

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

1935

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Grantham, England VIC-

Amos, Lowell (1944–)

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

MO: Munchausen’s syndrome by proxy; killed hospital DATE(S): 1979–87 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VIC-patients

TIMS: Four suspected

DISPOSITION: 13 life terms on various charges, 1992

MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of wives and mother for insurance

Alterie, Louis [*See* VERAIN, LELAND]

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on one count, 1996

Alston, Robert Sylvester (1969–)

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Anastasio, Umberto (1903–57) AKA: Albert Anasta-DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Greensboro, N.C. VIC-

sia; “Mad Hatter”; Lord High Executioner

TIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

MO: Dismembered young women

DATE(S): 1920–57 VENUE: New York City VIC-

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty in 1998 and received TIMS: 20+ personal

four life terms

MO: Psychopathic mafioso and leader of “MURDER, INC.”; besides personal killings, estimates of “con-Alton (?–?)

tracts” ordered range from 100 to 400+

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Condemned for murder of a long-

DATE(S): 1880s VENUE: London, England VIC-

shoreman, 1920; acquitted at second trial in 1922

TIMS: “Several”

after witnesses vanished; murdered by rival mob-MO: “Ripper” of young women

sters, Oct. 25, 1957

DISPOSITION: Hanged, date unknown

Andermatt, Roger (1968–)

Alves, Raymond (1941–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

specific

DATE(S): Late 1960s/early 1970s VENUE: Bergen

DATE(S): 1995–2001 VENUE: Lucerne, Switzerland County, N.J. VICTIMS: 12+

VICTIMS: 22

MO: Violent rapist of young females; after 1977 arrest MO: Nurse who killed Alzheimer’s patients aged for two rapes, he confessed the murders of more 66–95 by suffocation and lethal injections; Five than a dozen women

other victims survived.

DISPOSITION: Received life prison term on Jan. 28, DISPOSITION: Convicted of kidnapping one victim, 2005

1997; condemned on two murder counts, April 7, 1999

Anderson, Allen Leroy (1942–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Anderson, Russell (?–)

DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: USA, nationwide VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
TIMS: Eight definite
specific
MO: Robbery-murders in transit cross-country
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Salt Lake City, Utah VIC-
DISPOSITION: 40 years in Minn.; Fla. death sentence TIMS: Three
commuted to life
MO: Execution-style shootings of mentally retarded adults
Anderson, Curtis Dean (1961–)
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty; three consecutive terms of five years to life
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Northern California VIC-
Anderson, William L. (d. 1864) AKA: Bloody Bill TIMS: 10 suspected
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
MO: Convicted kidnapper, described by police as DATE(S): 1850s–64 VENUE: Kans./Mo. VICTIMS:
prime suspect in murders and disappearances of girls 54 admitted
aged four to seven; confessed one murder and 10
MO: Career criminal and member of "QUANTRILL'S
abductions to police in May 2001, saying, "This is RAIDERS"
gonna go down like ZODIAC"
DISPOSITION: Killed in Union ambush, Oct. 26, 1864
DISPOSITION: Imprisoned from 1992 to 1999 for the 1991 kidnapping of a 25-year-old woman; received **Andrade, Marcel de** (1966–) AKA: Nitteroi vampire life term in July 2001 for kidnapping an eight-yearSEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
old girl who escaped alive
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
VICTIMS: 14
Anderson, Dale R. (1952–)
MO: Raped/killed boys, age six to thirteen, and drank SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
their blood
DATE(S): 1978–89 VENUE: St. Clair County, Ill.

DISPOSITION: Confined to lunatic asylum;

VICTIMS: More than seven alleged

escaped/recaptured, 1997

MO: Profiler ROBERT RESSLER names Anderson as the strangler of six females aged 14–24, and one young **Andrews, Ralph Raymond** (1945–)

boy; Anderson denies any murders but admits,

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

"These cases and a lot of others you don't know DATE(S): 1972–91 VENUE: Ill./Ind./Mich./Wisc.

about are related."

VICTIMS: 20–40 estimated

DISPOSITION: Life prison term in 1989, on two mur-MO: Rape-slayer of females, stabbed and eviscerated der counts; two suspects serving time for three other victims, usually teens; boasted in prison of "many"

murders

killings are deemed innocent by Ressler

DISPOSITION: Acquitted of attempted murder after stabbing two 15-year-olds, 1973; life sentence for a **Anderson, Richard Harold** (1948–)

1991 murder, in 1993; second life term for a 1977

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

murder in April 2003

DATE(S): 1972/87 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Murders in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties; **Angeline, Betty Jean** (1942–)

one victim was man who propositioned Anderson's SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

girlfried

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Independence, Va. VIC-

DISPOSITION: 20-year term, 1974; condemned, 1988

TIMS: Two

MO: Shot female acquaintances aged 59 and 62 in **Anderson, Robert Leroy** (1969–)

their homes

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on both counts and DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

received life sentence, Nov. 2001

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Rape-slayer of women aged 28 and 29; victims **Angelo, Richard** (1962–)

strangled or suffocated

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-hero

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: West Islip, N.Y. VICTIMS: **Archerd, William Dale** (1912–)

10+ estimated

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

MO: “Hero” murders of hospital patients by male DATE(S): 1947–66 VENUE: Calif./Nev. VICTIMS:

nurse

Six suspected

DISPOSITION: 50 years to life on four counts

MO:“Bluebeard” slayer of wives/others, via insulin injections

Anh, The Duong (1975–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on three counts, 1968;

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

commuted to life, 1972

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: California VICTIMS:

10

Ardison, Victor (?–?)

MO: Gang leader who shot male victims during rob-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

beries, including four killed in one incident

DATE(S): 19th century VENUE: France VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Convicted in January 2003 on three

“Several”

counts of first-degree murder and one count second-MO: Necrophile who slept with severed heads of his degree; condemned in February 2003 on three

victims

counts

DISPOSITION: Guillotined, date unknown

Ankers, Winifred (?–)

Arguelles, Roberto (1962–2003)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-revenge

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1911–12 VENUE: Brooklyn, N.Y. VIC-

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Salt Lake City, Utah VIC-

TIMS: Eight confessed

TIMS: Four confessed

MO: Hospital employee; killed infants in maternity MO: Lust killer of three teenage girls and 42-year-old ward out of spite for nurses

woman

DISPOSITION: Confessed, Feb. 1912; disposition DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty and requested execu-unreported

tion, 1997; died in prison of “unknown causes,”

Nov. 13, 2003

Anthony, Michael Lee (1947–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

Arinaitwe, Richard (1977–)

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Highland Park, Mich.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Kampala, Uganda VIC-

MO: Habitual sex offender and self-styled “black TIMS: Eight

Jesus,” found with remains of murdered women in MO: Strangled women, including a 35-year-old Ameri-his basement

can tourist; tried to kill the magistrate who took his DISPOSITION: Received a prison term of 15–30 years confession in March 1999

for rape and robbery in 1991, mistakenly paroled in DISPOSITION: 48-month sentence for attempted mur-1996 (instead of 2011); returned to prison on that der, 1999; condemned for murder in December 2003

charge while awaiting trial on two murder counts **Armstrong, John Eric** (1974–)

Archambault, Serge (1956–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VIC-

DATE(S): 1989–92 VENUE: Montreal, Quebec

TIMS: Six

VICTIMS: Three

MO: Strangler of female prostitutes; confessed murders MO: Traveling salesman and lust-killer of women of 11 women and one man, allegedly committed in DISPOSITION: 25 years on three counts of first-degree the United States, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Thai-murder, 1993

land while a U.S. Navy seaman, 1993–99; authorities discount those claims but blamed Armstrong for **Archer, Gerald Thomas** (1932–95)

six murders in Michigan

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Life sentence without parole on one DATE(S): 1969–71 VENUE: Chatham and London,

count, April 2001; pleaded guilty on three counts of Ontario VICTIMS: Three

second degree murder and received a 31-year sen-MO: Females in their 50s and 60s beaten and stabbed tence in July 2001

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1972; died in prison 1995; publicly blamed for two more mur-Arnold, Herbert (1944–)

ders in February 2000

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

DATE(S): 1965/70 VENUE: New York City VIC-

DATE(S): 1970/85 VENUE: North Charleston, S.C.

TIMS: Three

VICTIMS: Three

MO: Rape-slayer of two female neighbors; killed kid-MO: Shot his brother, adoptive father, and a teenage nap victim

neighbor

DISPOSITION: Ruled insane, 1965 (later released); DISPOSITION: Life term for brother’s death, 1970

incompetent for trial, 1970; convicted on one count, (paroled 1980); executed on two counts Jan. 22, 1973 (paroled 1983); back to asylum on rape

1999

charge, 1991

Avinain, Charles (1799–1867)

Arnold, Terry (1962–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1867 VENUE: Paris, France VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1981–87 VENUE: North America VIC-
"Several"
TIMS: "Several" suspected
MO: Butcher who robbed/dismembered male cus-
MO: Rape-slayer of girls and young women killed tomers
while he worked for a traveling carnival
DISPOSITION: Guillotined, 1867
DISPOSITION: Life sentence in Canada, 1991, for the 1987 murder of a 16-year-old girl; named as prime **Bailey, Leslie** (1950–93) AKA: Catweazle suspect in three more Canadian murders, plus others SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
in Mexico and five U.S. states (Fla., N.Y., Okla., DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: England VICTIMS:
Tex., and Va.)
Three+
MO: Pedophile slayer of boys age six to 14; police sug-Arrington, Marie Dean (1933–)
gest 25 possible victims; alleged accomplices in sec-SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE
ond and third murders never charged
DATE(S): 1964/68 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
DISPOSITION: 15 years for manslaughter (with three MO: Shot husband; killed female victim kidnapped to accomplices), 1989; life term on second count, extort son's release from prison
1991; life term on third count, 1992; found dead in DISPOSITION: 20 years for manslaughter, 1965; con-cell "under suspicious circumstances," Oct. 1993
demned, 1969; sentence commuted to life, 1972
ACCOMPLICES: Stephen Barrell (?–), 15 years in 1989; Sidney Cooke (1928–), 19 years in 1989; **Artieda, Ramiro** (d. 1939)
Robert Oliver (1955–), 15 years in 1989
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
DATE(S): 1930s VENUE: La Paz, Bolivia VIC-

Bajramovic, Miro (?–)
TIMS: Eight
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-
MO: Killed brother for inheritance, then strangled seven extremist
18-year-old girls resembling lover who jilted him DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Croatia VICTIMS: 86
DISPOSITION: Shot by firing squad, July 3, 1939
confessed
MO: Croat soldier who killed Serbs during "ethnic **Askeborn, Glenn** (1944–)
cleansing"
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Confessed in open court; outcome
DATE(S): 1975/84 VENUE: Conn./Maine VIC-
unknown
TIMS: Two suspected
MO: Women bound/killed in identical circumstances **Baker, Cullen Montgomery** (1836–68/69)
DISPOSITION: Imprisoned on one count, in Maine SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DATE(S): 1861–68 VENUE: Ark./Tex. VICTIMS:
Atkins, Benjamin (1968–) AKA: Woodward Corri-12+
dor Killer
MO: Old West outlaw and murderer
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Killed by posse in Dec. 1868 or Jan.
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VIC-
1869
TIMS: 11
MO: Strangler of female prostitutes
Baker, Stanley Dean (1948–)
DISPOSITION: Life imprisonment, 1994
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-
extremist
Atkins, Joseph Ernest (1947–99)
DATE(S): 1970 VENUE: Mont./Calif. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Two confessed

MO: Mutilation/cannibal murders influenced by

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Keraterm, Bosnia VIC-

Satanism

TIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Mont. life sentence (paroled 1985) MO: Bosnian Serb concentration camp guard who

killed five inmates and injured at least 27 others in **Balaam, Anthony** (1966–)

"ethnic cleansing"

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty and received an eight-DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Trenton, N.J. VIC-

year prison term, Oct. 29, 2003

TIMS: Four

MO: Raped/strangled four female prostitutes aged **Baptistella, Dr. Sergio Luiz** (1955–)

27–41 within a two-mile radius of his home; fifth SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

victim escaped to notify police

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

DISPOSITION: Convicted on four counts; received life VICTIMS: Four alleged

prison terms, June 16, 2000

MO: Physician who shot six other doctors in personal disputes, killing four; one victim was his former **Baldi, Joseph** (1941–)

lover from medical school

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Confessed three murders in custody; DATE(S): 1970–72 VENUE: Queens, N.Y. VIC-disposition unknown

TIMS: Four

MO: Home invader, stabbed young women in bed

Barbeault, Marcel (1941–) AKA: Killer from the DISPOSITION: 25 years to life, 1975; parole denied Shadows

1997

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific

Ballard, Billy Ray, Jr. (?–)

DATE(S): 1969–76 VENUE: Nogent, France VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

TIMS: Eight

DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Wash./Wyo. VICTIMS:

MO: Random shooter of victims age 20–49, mostly Two confessed
female

MO: Rape-torture slayer of victims chosen at random; DISPOSITION: Life term, 1982; reduced to 20 years arrested for two rapes in Wyoming, linked by finger-on appeal

prints to the murders of two Seattle victims dumped in Grant County, Wash.

Barber, Danny Lee (1956–99)

DISPOSITION: Life prison term in Wyoming
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC

DATE(S): 1978–79 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. VIC-

Baltis, Yiannis (1970–)

TIMS: Four suspected
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Thrill-killer of victims including both genders; specific

tried to rape corpses of two female victims; shot a DATE(S): 1995–2004 VENUE: Salonika, Greece

man “just to have some fun with him”

VICTIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Executed on Feb. 11, 1999

MO: Killed three Albanian immigrants he employed as shepherds, 1995–96; kidnapped a girlfriend and **Barbosa, Daniel Camargo** (1941–)

shot her two brothers, killing one, 2004
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Confessed four murders; disposition DATE(S): 1974–88 VENUE: Colombia/Ecuador

unknown

VICTIMS: 72

MO: Pedophile “ripper” of young girls

Bankston, Clinton, Jr. (1971–)

DISPOSITION: 16-year term in Ecuador, 1989 (the SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
legal maximum)
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Athens, Ga. VICTIMS:
Five

Barboza, Joseph (1932–76) AKA: The Animal MO: Killed/mutilated five victims in two home invaSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony
sions
DATE(S): 1950s–1971 VENUE: New England/Calif.
DISPOSITION: Five life terms, May 1988
VICTIMS: 27 confessed
MO: Mafia contract killer who turned state's evidence **Banovic, Predrag** (1970–)
in 1968
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-
DISPOSITION: Confessed 26 murders and received a extremist
one-year prison term in exchange for testimony in **314**
Appendix A: Solo Killers
various trials; helped frame four innocent men for killing his daughter (1994); received three consecu-one of his own murders in Boston; released in
tive life terms on April 15, 2000
March 1969; pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in California, 1971, and received a five-year sen-Barton, "Kid" (?–?)
tence; murdered in San Francisco soon after his SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
release, on Feb. 11, 1976
DATE(S): 1860s VENUE: N. Mex. VICTIMS: "Sev-
eral"

Barfield, Margie Velma (1932–84)
MO: Old West outlaw leader
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DISPOSITION: Hanged "in late 1860s"
DATE(S): 1969–78 VENUE: N.C. VICTIMS: Five
MO: "Black widow" slayer of husbands/others, mostly **Bartsch, Juergen** (1950–76)

by poison
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DISPOSITION: Executed Nov. 2, 1984
DATE(S): 1967 VENUE: Bonn, Germany VIC-
TIMS: Four

Barker, Glenn (1959–)

MO: Pedophile who tortured young boys to death SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1967; died Apr. 28, DATE(S): 1982/96 VENUE: Va. VICTIMS: Three
1976, during voluntary surgical castration
suspected
MO: Killed 12-year-old girl; named by police as prime **Bashor, Donald** (1929–57)
suspect in murders of his girlfriend and her daughter SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
(child raped)
DATE(S): 1955–56 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.
DISPOSITION: 18 years on one count, 1982 (paroled VICTIMS: Two
1991); no charges filed in later crimes despite police MO: Home invader; bludgeoned women
announcement
DISPOSITION: Executed Oct. 11, 1957

Barone, Cesar Francesco (1960–) BORN: Rode, **Bateson, Paul** (1939–)

Adolph James
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: New York City VIC-
DATE(S): 1979–80/91–92 VENUE: Fla./Wash./Ore.
TIMS: Seven confessed
VICTIMS: Seven+ suspected
MO: Dismembered gay men “for fun”
MO: Rape-slayer of women
DISPOSITION: 20 years to life on one count, 1979
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts in Ore. +
45 years on third count, 1995

Batten, William (?–)

Barrera, Marco (1963–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

DATE(S): 1969–75 VENUE: Aberdeen, Wash. VIC-

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: San Bernardino, Calif.

TIMS: Three

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Confined to asylum as a child molester, 1967; MO: Fathered 14 children by two sisters, fatally tortur-linked to disappearance of a girlfriend, 1969; ing two of them

stabbed two teenage hitchhikers in 1975

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, July 2001; DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms for murder, one “wife” received 12-year sentence for child with additional prison time for use of a deadly abuse, Aug. 2001; second “wife” turned state’s evi-weapon in his crimes

dence

Baughman, John Earl (1942–)

Barron, Jack (1961–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

domestic

DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif.

DATE(S): 1970–95 VENUE: Ill./Antigua VICTIMS:

VICTIMS: Three or four

Three

MO: Profit-motivated slayer of his wife, son and MO: Ex-cop; killed wives and one wife’s lover

mother for life insurance payments; only suspect in DISPOSITION: Condemned in Antigua, 1996

death of his four-year-old daughter

DISPOSITION: Convicted of killing his wife (1992), **Baumeister, Herbert Richard** (1947–95)

son (1993), and mother (1995), but acquitted of SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1980–95 VENUE: Ind./Ohio VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1932–36 VENUE: Liege, Belgium VIC-

16 suspected

TIMS: 12+ estimated

MO: Lust killer of gay men; some buried near his MO: Poisoned husband, male lover, and female cus-home, others dumped in rural areas spanning two tomers (who were also robbed)

states

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1936; died in prison dur-DISPOSITION: Suicide while a fugitive, July 2, 1995

ing World War II

Baxter, Patrick (1969–)

Beets, Betty Lou (1937–2002)

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1987–90 VENUE: White Plains, N.Y.

DATE(S): 1981/83 VENUE: Dallas County, Tex.

VICTIMS: Three

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Rape slayer of females aged 14–25

MO: “Black widow” slayer of husbands for life insur-DISPOSITION: Convicted on three counts, 2002;

ance

received three consecutive terms of 75 years to life DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1985; executed Feb. 24, 2000

Beach, Gary (1942–)

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

Beggs, William (1963–)

specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Kansas City, Mo. VIC-

DATE(S): 1987–99 VENUE: England/Scotland VIC-

TIMS: Five

TIMS: Three suspected

MO: Shot victims, including a step-nephew, and left MO: Mutilation-slayer of gay men, using razors their decomposing bodies at his home

DISPOSITION: Three convictions for assaults with DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on five murder counts; razors; cleared of one murder count on a legal tech-received life sentence, March 2002

nicality; convicted on a second count, 1987; life sentence on a third count, October 2001

Beagle, Billy Ray (1947–98)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

Belcastro, James (?–?) AKA: King of the Bombers specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Baker Country, Fla. VIC-

DATE(S): 1918–29 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

TIMS: Two

TIMS: 100+ suspected

MO: Shot sportsmen in random attacks

DISPOSITION: Suicide during shoot-out with police, MO: “Black Hand” extortionist; later chief bomber for Mar. 25, 1998

ALPHONSE CAPONE gang

DISPOSITION: Acquitted on one count, 1927; died of **Beardslee, Donald Jay** (1943–2005)

natural causes

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DATES: 1969/1981 VENUE: Mo./Calif. VICTIMS:

Bell, Larry Eugene (d. 1996)

Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Fatally stabbed a 52-year-old woman after sex; DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Lexington County, S.C.

killed two women aged 19 and 23 in a bungled drug VICTIMS: Three

transaction

MO: Lust killer of girls age nine to 17

DISPOSITION: Served seven years of an 18-year sen-DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1986; exetence in Missouri for first murder; condemned on cuted Oct. 4. 1996

two counts in 1984; executed Jan. 19, 2005

Bell, Mary Flora (1957–)

Beck, Dieter (?–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1968 VENUE: Newcastle, England VIC-
DATE(S): 1961–68 VENUE: Rehme, Germany VIC-
TIMS: Two
TIMS: Three
MO: Killed/mutilated boys age three and four
MO: Rape-slayer of women
DISPOSITION: Imprisoned as juvenile on two
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1969
manslaughter counts

Becker, Marie Alexandrine (1877–194?)

Bell, Michael Bernard (1970–)
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1989–93 VENUE: Duval County, Fla.
MO: Nurse charges with killing or attempting to kill VICTIMS: Five suspected
18 patients at three area hospitals
MO: Killed in personal disputes; victims included DISPOSITION: Convicted of four murders and three mother's boyfriend, his own lover, and their child attempted murders; life sentence imposed, March DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts + 25 years 24, 2003
on third count, 1995

Bermudez, Manuel Octavio (?–)

Bellen, Michel (1946–)
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Valle del Cauca
DATE(S): 1964/82 VENUE: Belgium VICTIMS:
Province, Colombia VICTIMS: More than 30
Three
MO: Ice cream vendor linked by police to slayings of MO: Rape-strangler of nurses attacked in their homes numerous young boys; 12-year-old victim found

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1965 (commuted to life); dead at his home, with evidence of other slayings paroled 1982; condemned 1983 (commuted to life, DISPOSITION: Unknown

1984)

Bernard, Norman (1951–)

Beniquez, Jorge Adam (1969–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: N.C./Calif. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Puerto Rico/N.Y. VIC-

Three

TIMS: Nine suspected

MO: "Mercy" shootings of homeless men

MO: Career criminal; "most wanted man in Puerto DISPOSITION: Life without parole in Calif., 1984

Rico"

Bernson, Stanley (?–)

DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count of second-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

degree murder in N.Y., 1992

DATE(S?) 1970s VENUE: U.S. Pacific Northwest

VICTIMS: 30 alleged

Bennet, Robert Eugene (1938–)

MO: Rape-slayer of females, charged with murders in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

Washington and Oregon

DATE(S): 1978/89 VENUE: Ore./Utah VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Life prison term for stabbing a 15-Two

year-old girl at Richland, Wash.; charges filed but MO: Wife killed in Ore.; male victim dismembered in never prosecuted for the slaying of a teenager at Utah

Umatilla, Ore.

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to second degree in Utah; five years to life

Besnard, Marie (1896–?) AKA: Queen of poisoners SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

Berdella, Robert A. (1949–)

DATE(S): 1927–49 VENUE: Loudon, France VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
TIMS: 13
DATE(S): 1984–87 VENUE: Kansas City, Mo. VIC-
MO: Poisoned husbands and relatives for inheritance TIMS: Seven suspected
DISPOSITION: Acquitted despite confessions, Dec. 1961
MO: Gay torturer-slayer of men age 19–23
DISPOSITION:Life term on five counts, 1988; died **Bessarabo, Marie-Louise Victorine** (1868–?) AKA: Oct. 8, 1992
Hera Myrtle
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
Bergamo, Marco (?–) AKA: Monster of Bolzano DATE(S): 1892/1914/20 VENUE: Mexico/France
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: Three
DATE(S): 1985–92 VENUE: Bergamo, Italy VIC-
MO: “Black widow” slayer of husband and lovers TIMS: Five
DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1920
MO: Stabbed young women in random attacks
DISPOSITION: Life sentence
Bey, Marko (1965–)
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Berk, Lucia Isabella Quirina de (1961–) DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Monmouth County, N.J.
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-mercy
VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1997–2001 VENUE: The Hague, Nether-
MO: Juvenile rape-slayer of women
lands VICTIMS: More than four
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1989

Bible, Danny Paul (1951–)
DATE(S): 1930s–47 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC
TIMS: 44 confessed

DATE(S): 1979/83 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Four

MO: Rape-slayer of females during home invasions, confessed often used ax

MO: Raped/stabbed woman (1979); killed sister-in-law, her infant child, and roommate

DISPOSITION: 25 years on one count in Tex. plus 20 years concurrent for kidnapping in Montana, 1984

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

(paroled 1992); confessed three more after arrest for rape in Louisiana, 1998; convicted and condemned, 56 alleged June 2003

MO: "Dixie Mafia" member who killed rival gangsters, robbery victims, and personal enemies

Bichel, Andreas (1770–1808) AKA: Bavarian Ripper DISPOSITION: Condemned on three murder counts, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

May 1975; sentence commuted to life imprisonment DATE(S): 1790s–1808 VENUE: Bavaria VICTIMS:

on appeal, 1988

50+ suspected

MO: Fortune-teller who stabbed/robbed female clients

Bischoff, Charles (1886–1947)

DISPOSITION: Beheaded for two murders, 1808

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1915–31 VENUE: Cincinnati, Ohio VIC-

Biegenwald, Richard (1940–)

TIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:

MO: Pedophile slayer of children

CE/PC/Sex.

DISPOSITION: Ruled insane; died in asylum Apr. 10, DATE(S): 1958–82 VENUE: N.J./N.Y. VICTIMS:

1947

Seven

MO: Shot victims during robberies and after rape **Bishop, Arthur Gary** (d. 1988)

DISPOSITION: Jailed 1958–75; 1983 death sentence SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

commuted to life

DATE(S): 1979–83 VENUE: Salt Lake City, Utah

VICTIMS: Five

Bijeh, Mohammed (1980–2005)

MO: Pedophile slayer of children

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Executed June 9, 1988

DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Pakdasht, Iran VIC-

TIMS: 22+

Bishop, Jesse Walter (d. 1979)

MO: Lured children to desert with aid from accomplice SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Ali Baghi, then raped and killed them; confessed 22

DATE(S): 1970s VENUE: Western U.S. VICTIMS:

murders in custody but suspected of more

19 confessed

DISPOSITION: Flogged and hanged on March 16,

MO: Armed robber and confessed hit man

2005; Baghi received 15-year prison term

DISPOSITION: Executed on one count in Nev., Oct.

22, 1979

Bilancia, Donato (1950–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

Black, Robert (1947–) AKA: Smelly Bob

specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Italian Riviera VIC-

DATE(S): 1969–90 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

TIMS: 14–17

Five to eight+

MO: Shot/strangled strangers in fits of blind rage; identi-MO: Pedophile slayer of girls age nine to 16

fied victims include six female prostitutes; a newly-DISPOSITION: 105 years minimum on three counts, wed couple; two jewelers; two security guards; and 1994

two women shot in restrooms aboard trains in transit DISPOSITION: Received 13 life terms “for 17 mur-Bladel, Rudy (1971–)

ders,” April 14, 2000

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

revenge

Billik, Herman [*See* VAJICEK, HERMAN]

DATE(S): 1963–78 VENUE: Ind./Mich. VICTIMS:

Seven

Bird, Jake (1901–49)

MO: Shot railroad employees to avenge loss of job SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: three consecutive life terms

Blair, Robert (?–)

DATE(S): 1968–71 VENUE: Montreal/Calgary,

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

Canada VICTIMS: Five

DATE(S): 1983–95 VENUE: Vt./N.H. VICTIMS:

MO: Rape-murders of women, with gnawing on bodies Four

DISPOSITION: 1972 life sentence

MO: Killed his wife and son with a hammer at Concord, N.H.; later confessed to killing a woman and **Bolder, Martsay L.** (1957–93)

her child at Rutland, Vt., with an accomplice who SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

died in 1987

DATE(S): 1973/79 VENUE: Mo. VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Life prison term on two counts in New MO: Killed burglary victim; stabbed prison cellmate Hampshire, 1996

DISPOSITION: Life on one count, 1973; condemned, 1980; executed Jan. 27, 1993

Bland, Warren James (1936–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Bolin, Oscar Ray (1962–)

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Southern Calif. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
Three+ suspected
DATE(S): 1986–90 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-
MO: Career sex offender; torture slayer of girls age TIMS: 30+ suspected
seven to 14
MO: Long-haul trucker; rape-slayer of women
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1993
DISPOSITION: Condemned in three Fla. cases,
1991–92; indicted on one count in Tex. (trial
Blank, Daniel (1962–)
unlikely)
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-
felony
Bolton, Darren Lee (1967–96)
DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Ascension Parish, La.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: Six
DATE(S): 1982/86 VENUE: Tucson, Ariz. VIC-
MO: Killed five women and one man during home
TIMS: Two
invasions staged to finance his compulsive gambling MO: Pedophile slayer of girls age two and seven DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, Sept. 1999; DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1993; exe-condemned on second count, Oct. 2000
cuted June 19, 1996
Blaunsteiner, Ilfriede (1932–) AKA: Black Widow **Bomar, Arthur** (1959–)
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1981–95 VENUE: Austria VICTIMS:
Five confessed
DATE(S): 1993–97 VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa. VIC-
MO:Profit-motivated poisoner of husband and others TIMS: Three+
DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1997
MO: Rape-slayer of young women

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1998

Bobbitt, Jerry Dale (1962–) AKA: Scissors Man SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

Bombeek, Cecile (1933–) AKA: Sister Godfrida DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Orlando, Fla. VICTIMS:

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

Two

DATE(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Wetteren, Belgium

MO: Women age 34 and 53 stabbed in their places of VICTIMS: Three to 21

business

MO: Injected rest home patients with insulin

DISPOSITION: Life + 25 years on two counts, 1996

DISPOSITION: Confessed three murders; life term, 1978

Boczkowski, Timothy (1955–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Bonny, Anne (1700–?)

DATE(S): 1990/94 VENUE: N.C./Pa. VICTIMS:

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Two

DATE(S): 1714–20 VENUE: Caribbean VICTIMS:

MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of wives for insurance

“Numerous”

DISPOSITION: Life term in N.C., 1996; condemned in MO: Fatally stabbed family maid; afterward joined Pennsylvania, 1999

pirate crew and “never flinched from murder” during raids

Boden, Wayne Clifford (?–) AKA: Vampire Rapist DISPOSITION: Escaped from prison, 1721; never

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

recaptured

Boost, Werner (1928–) AKA: Doubles Killer DISPOSITION: Convicted of murdering two prison SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sad.

guards; received life prison term on May 5, 2002

DATE(S): 1945–56 VENUE: Dusseldorf, Germany

VICTIMS: Five+

Bourassa, Richard A. (1973–)

MO: Lover's-lane slayer of couples

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1959

specific

DATE(S): 1986/90 VENUE: Anaheim Hills, Calif.

Borgia, Cesare (1476–1507)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: "Accidentally" shot two male friends at his home DATE(S): c. 1495–1507 VENUE: Italy VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: 18 years to life, 1991, on guilty plea to

"Dozens"

one count

MO: Aristocratic poisoner of relatives and enemies alike; also ordered many slayings by his henchmen **Bowles, Gary Ray** (1962–)

DISPOSITION: Killed in Spain after fleeing an Italian SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

prison

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Md./Ga./Fla. VICTIMS:

Six suspected

Bosket, Willie James, Jr. (1962–)

MO: Robbed/murdered gay men

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count + life

DATE(S): 1978 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

terms on two more, 1996; two life terms for rob-Three

bery/burglary; five years grand theft; death sen-MO: Killed teenage boy in fight; shot men in petty rob-tence overturned on appeal; condemned again,

beries

May 1999

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on two counts as juve-Bowlind, Ronnie Lee (?–)

nile, 1978 (released 1983); three to seven years for SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

attempted robbery, 1984; 25 years to life for arson DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: London, Ky. VICTIMS:

and assaults in prison, 1987; 25 years to life for Two

stabbing fellow inmate, 1989

MO: Shot gas station attendants in robberies

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1992

Bottaro, Angelo (1939–88)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Boyd, Lucious (1958–)

DATE(S): 1970s–80s VENUE: Siracusa, Sicily VICSEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: 20+

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. VIC-

MO: Mafia executioner

TIMS: Four alleged

DISPOSITION: Stabbed to death in hospital, Dec. 3, MO: Mortuary employee and rape-slayer of women 1988

aged 19–25

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one murder count,

Bouchana, José Lazaro (1958–)

June 21, 2002; also received a life term for kidnap-SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex.

ping and 15 years for sexual battery in same case DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Mexico City VICTIMS: More than three

Boykin, Clover (1975–)

MO: Subway driver who raped/murdered women at his SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-home, arrested after one victim escaped; police cific

found “at least three” bodies buried under his patio, DATE(S): 1993/95 VENUE: West Palm Beach, Fla.

plus videotapes of women being tortured

VICTIMS: Two confessed

DISPOSITION: Unknown

MO: Killed her infant children, allegedly inspired by dreams

Boucher, Maurice (1953–) AKA: Mom

DISPOSITION: Life term + 40 years on two counts, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

1996

DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Montreal, Quebec VIC-

TIMS: 13

Boyle, Benjamin Herbert (1943–97)

MO: Local leader of Hells Angels motorcycle gang SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

who killed and ordered slayings of criminal rivals DATE(S): 1979–85 VENUE: Calif./Tex. VICTIMS:

and other victims

Two confirmed

MO: Trucker who beat/strangled women after rape **Breedlove, McArthur** (1947–)

DISPOSITION: Executed in Tex., Apr. 29, 1997

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1974–78 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two

Brady, Roger Hoan (1966–)

MO: Murders in Broward and Dale Counties

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1979; 25 years on second DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Calif./Ore. VICTIMS:

count, 1982

Two

MO: Armed robber; killed policeman and female

Breslin, Joseph Franklin (1943–82)

holdup victim

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

DISPOSITION: Life term in Ore.; condemned in Calif., specific

1998

DATE(S): 1968/82 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS: Three

MO: Mental patient who killed a fellow inmate and **Branch, Eric Scott** (1972–)

two victims outside the asylum

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Shot dead during armed robbery, July DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Pensacola, Fla. VICTIMS:

1982
?
MO: Ted Bundy “
Breton, Robert, Sr. (1946–)
WANNA-BE”; named by authorities as
serial murder suspect
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domestic
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one murder count,
DATE(S): 1966/86 VENUE: Waterbury, Conn. VIC-
1994
TIMS: Three
MO: Stabbed father (1966), son, and ex-wife
Brandt, Carl (1956–2004)
DISPOSITION: Suspended sentence for manslaughter, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-1966; condemned, 1989
specific
Brewer, James D. (1955–)
DATE(S): 1971–2004 VENUE: U.S./Europe VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE
TIMS: More than seven suspected
DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind.
MO: Shot both parents at age 13, killing his pregnant VICTIMS: Two
mother; fatally stabbed his wife and 37-year-old MO: Shot female holdup victim; killed man in rage niece at age 47, decapitating and disemboweling one over gay encounter
victim; suspected of two similar murders in Florida DISPOSITION: 60-year term on one count, 1993;
(1989 and 1995), plus others in Germany and Hol-reduced to 50 years, 1995
land
DISPOSITION: No charges filed in first case; spent one **Brice, Greg, Jr.** (?–)
year in a psychiatric hospital; suicide by hanging at SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
the second crime scene, on Sept. 15, 2004
DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Washington, D.C.
VICTIMS: Four

Bratislav, Vladimir (?–) AKA: Beast of Lysva MO: Shot male victims in personal arguments
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DISPOSITION: Confined as a juvenile on his first mur-DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Lysva, Russia VIC-
der charge, 1994; indicted as an adult for second TIMS: 30
slaying, October 1994; escaped from jail in May MO: Rape-mutilation slayer of young women
1995; still at large when he killed two more victims DISPOSITION: Sentenced to life imprisonment
in May 1996; convicted on one count and received a term of 30 years to life, Jan. 17, 1997; pleaded **Braun, Gregory Francis** (1961–)
guilty to one count of manslaughter in 1998 and SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony
received a term of five to 15 years; two other counts DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Kans./Tex./N. Mex./Okla.
dropped in plea bargain
VICTIMS: Five
MO: Shot female clerks during robberies of stores in **Bridges, Tyearone** (1958–87)
three states; compared murder to “shooting craps in SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
Vegas”
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: New Orleans, La. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Life prison terms imposed in Kansas, TIMS: Two
Texas, and New Mexico; executed in Oklahoma,
MO: Middle-aged women shot in robbery attempts July 20, 2000
DISPOSITION: Killed resisting arrest, Dec. 7, 1987

Briggen, Joseph (1850–1903)
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1880s–1902 VENUE: Northern Calif.
MO: Shot male jewelers during holdups
VICTIMS: 12+

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1992; con-MO: Rancher who fed farmhands to his prize hogs demned on second count, 1993

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1902; died in prison **Brooks, John** (1966–)

Brinvilliers, Marie de (1630–1676)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: New Orleans, La. VIC-

DATE(S): 1665–73 VENUE: Paris, France VIC-

TIMS: Nine

TIMS: 54 confessed

MO: Victims shot in street robberies

MO:Poisoned 50 hospital patients as “practice” for DISPOSITION: Convicted/condemned for six murders profit-motivated murders of her father, brothers, and lover

Bropst, Tony (1953–)

DISPOSITION: Beheaded July 17, 1676

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Ariz./Colo. VICTIMS:

Brisbon, Henry (1956–)

Two

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Victims shot for cars

DATE(S): 1973/82 VENUE: Chicago/Menard, Ill.

DISPOSITION: 40 years in Ariz.; 40 years to life in VICTIMS: Three Colo.

MO: Killed two in robbery, one in prison

DISPOSITION: 1,000–3,000 years, 1973; condemned, **Brown, Barry Austin** (?–)

1982

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1974 VENUE: Santa Cruz/San Mateo,

Britt, Eugene V. (1957–)

Calif. VICTIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

MO: Robbery murders of two men and a woman

DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Lake/Porter counties, Ind.

DISPOSITION: Guilty plea on three counts; consecu-VICTIMS: 11 confessed

tive life terms, 1974

MO: Random slayer of victims age eight to 51, all but one female

Brown, Charles Noel (1933–)

DISPOSITION: Life without parole for guilty plea on SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

one count, 1996; trial on six more counts scheduled for 2005

DATE(S): 1961 VENUE: Minn./Iowa VICTIMS:

Three

Brogsdale, Rickey Henry (1963–) AKA: Peeping MO: Men shot in robberies/abductions

Tom Killer

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Iowa, Sept. 1961

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-

Brown, Henry Newton (1857–84)

TIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Homicidal voyeur; shot 11 women, killing four DATE(S): 1870s–84 VENUE: Tex./N. Mex./Kans.

DISPOSITION: 63 years to life on four counts, 1989

VICTIMS: Six

MO: Old West outlaw and occasional lawman

Broni, Milena Quaglini da (1957–)

DISPOSITION: Shot while attempting to rob bank, SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

May 1, 1884

DATE(S): 1995–98 VENUE: Pavia, Italy VICTIMS:

Three confessed

Brown, Raymond Eugene (1946–)

MO: Slayer of men aged 53–83 who “wanted to have SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

sex”; beat her husband to death as he slept; drugged DATE(S): 1960/87 VENUE: Clay-Russell counties, and drowned another victim in his bathtub

Ala. VICTIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Convicted of her husband's murder, MO: Stabbed three relatives; raped/stabbed mother-December 1999; confessed two more murders in court daughter

DISPOSITION: Life, 1960 (paroled 1973); returned to **Bronshtein, Antuan** (1972–)

prison as parole violator (for rape), 1973 (released SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

again, 1986); condemned 1987

Brown, Vernon (?–)

MO: Pedophile strangler of children

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown

DATE(S): 1980–86 VENUE: Ind./Mo. VICTIMS:

Five+

Brumfitt, Paul (1956–)

MO: Killer pedophile; blamed crimes on drug addic-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC

tion

DATE(S): 1980/2000 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Mo.

Three

MO: Beat a tailor to death and strangled a bus driver, **Brown, Willie** (1957–)

1980; stabbed a 19-year-old female prostitute to SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

death and burned her body, then raped another

DATE(S): 1979/1999 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VIC-

streetwalker, 2000

TIMS: More than two

DISPOSITION: Received three life terms for

MO: Strangler of black gay men, killed exactly 20

manslaughter and wounding, 1980; released July years apart; suspected in a string of similar murders 1993; convicted of murder and sentenced to life, DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count, 1979; paroled July 22, 2000

1994; convicted on second count, November 1999

Buccieri, Fiore (1904–73) AKA: Fifi

Broyles, James (1968–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-

revenge

tic

DATE(S): 1924–72 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

DATE(S): 1984/96 VENUE: Edmonton, Alberta

TIMS: “Numerous”

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Mafia executioner; labeled lord high executioner MO: Strangled grandmother and girlfriend for “nag-of the Chicago syndicate by FBI agents, 1966

ging” him

DISPOSITION: Died of cancer, 1973

DISPOSITION: Confined as juvenile, 1984; 20 years for second-degree murder, 1998

Buchanan, Denise (?–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

Bryan, Joseph Francis, Jr. (1939–)

cific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1989–94 VENUE: Reno, Nev. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1964 VENUE: S.C./Fla./N.J. VICTIMS:

Three

Three

MO: Sadistic pedophile, abducted/tortured young boys MO:Mother who killed her children in the guise of DISPOSITION: Federal life sentence for kidnapping, SIDS

1965

DISPOSITION: Convicted on two counts, April 1999; received two consecutive life sentences without **Bryan, Peter** (1969–) AKA: “The Cannibal”

parole

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Buenoaño, Judias (1943–98) AKA: The Black Widow DATE(S): 1993/2004 VENUE: London, England

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-inheri-

VICTIMS: Three

tance

MO: Bludgeoned 20-year-old woman with a hammer; DATE(S): 1971–80 VENUE: Fla./Colo. VICTIMS:

killed a 43-year-old male friend and cooked his Three

brain; murdered a 59-year-old fellow patient at MO: "Black widow" slayer of husband, son, and lover Broadmoor asylum

DISPOSITION: Executed in Fla., Mar. 30, 1998

DISPOSITION: Detained in mental hospital,

1994–2001; pleaded guilty with diminished respon-Buenrostro, Dora Luz (1960–)

sibility on two counts voluntary manslaughter, SEX: F RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

March 15, 2005; returned to asylum indefinitely DATE(S): October 1994 VENUE: San Jacinto, Calif.

VICTIMS: Three

Brydges, Ralph Lionel (d. 1927) AKA: Monster of MO: Killed her children over a three-day period Rome

DISPOSITION: Condemned on Oct. 2, 1998

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1924–27 VENUE: Rome, Italy VICTIMS:

Bullock, David (1960–)

Six+

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1981–82 VENUE: New York City VIC-

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Rostov-on-Don, Russia

TIMS: Six confirmed

VICTIMS: Six

MO: Confessed shooting 10 victims "to amuse myself"

MO: Pedophile who killed child victims to avoid prose-DISPOSITION: six terms of 25 years to life

cution

DISPOSITION: Confessed in custody; disposition **Burchart, Leslie Leon** (1949–2002)
unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific
Busch, Henry Adolph (1931–62)
DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Richmond, Va. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
TIMS: Seven suspected
specific
MO: Schizophrenic with history of voyeurism and DATE(S): 1960 VENUE: Hollywood, Calif. VIC-
"flashing" who assaulted four men, killing three, TIMS: Three
aged 35–46; suspected of strangling four women MO: "Zombie-like" strangler of women who attacked aged 55–84 in their homes
six, killing three aged 53–72 (including his aunt) in DISPOSITION: Confessed murders of male victims their homes
while jailed for trespassing, in 1996; received 105
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, with life years for murder and malicious wounding; died in terms on two others; executed in June 1962
prison, Aug. 16, 2002
Buse, William H. (d. 1858)
Burke, Elmer (1917–58) AKA: Trigger
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC
DATE(S): 1857–58 VENUE: Miss. VICTIMS: "Sev-
DATE(S): 1946–54 VENUE: Eastern USA VIC-
eral"
MO: Lust killer of women
TIMS: "Numerous"
DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count, Nov. 1858
MO: Career criminal and contract killer
DISPOSITION: Executed at Sing Sing, Jan. 9, 1958
Bushara, Wilson (1959–)
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: S MOTIVE: Cult

Burke, Frederick R. (1893–1940) AKA: Killer DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Kampala, Uganda VIC-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: 24 alleged

DATE(S): 1920–31 VENUE: Ill./N.Y./Mich. VIC-

MO: "Prophet" of the World Last Message Warning TIMS: "Numerous"

Church, identified as killer of 24 cult members; MO: Career criminal and contract killer; prime suspect arrested July 2000

in 1929 St. Valentine's Day massacre

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DISPOSITION: Life term in Mich. on one count, 1931; died in prison of heart attack, July 10, 1940

Buss, Timothy (1969–)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Burke, James (1931–) AKA: Jimmy the Gent DATE(S): 1981/95 VENUE: Kankakee County, Ill.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1949–80 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

MO: Killed five-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy

"Numerous"

DISPOSITION: 25-year term, 1981 (paroled 1993); MO: Syndicate mobster and hit man

condemned, 1996

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in N.Y., 1985

Butler, Eugene (d. 1913)

Burrows, Albert Edward (1861–1923)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

DATE(S): 1900s VENUE: Niagara, N. Dak. VIC-

DATE(S): 1920/23 VENUE: Cheshire, England

TIMS: Six

VICTIMS: Four

MO: Male skeletons found buried under home

MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of wife and two children DISPOSITION: Died in asylum before crimes were dis-

(1920); molested and killed a four-year-old boy covered

(1923); bodies dumped in mine shaft
DISPOSITION: Hanged, Aug. 1923
Caifano, John Michael (1911–) AKA: Marshall Caifano
Burtsev, Roman (1971–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1929–64 VENUE: Ill./Nev. VICTIMS: 10+

MO: Syndicate enforcer and hit man
DATE(S): 1969 VENUE: Seattle, Wash. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Various federal prison terms since Two
1964
MO: Serial rapist who killed two of four known victims
Calo, Giuseppe (1955–)
DISPOSITION: Life prison term
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: Ariz. VICTIMS: Seven
Candle, Arrigo (?–) AKA: Monster of the Wedge confessed
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Killed business associates in drug deals and con-DATE(S): 1991–
93 VENUE: Italy VICTIMS: "Sev-
tract hits
eral"
DISPOSITION: 10 life terms + 140 years, 1993
MO: Shot female prostitutes with .357 Magnum
DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown
Camacho, Genaro Ruiz (1955–)
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC
Cannan, John (1953–)
DATE(S): 1987–89 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1978–87 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
MO: Drug dealer whose victims included his own girl-Three suspected
friend
MO: Rape-slayer of young women

DISPOSITION: Condemned

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1988

Campagna, Louis (1900–55) AKA: Little New York **Cannon, Lucretia Patricia** (1783–1829)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

DATE(S): c. 1917–41 VENUE: N.Y./Ill. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1802–29 VENUE: Reliance, Del. VIC-

"Numerous"

TIMS: 24 confessed

MO: Syndicate enforcer and hit man

MO: Killed husband and child prior to entering slave DISPOSITION: 10 years for extortion, 1943 (paroled trade and operating a tavern where patrons were 1946); died of heart attack, 1955

robbed and killed; slaves and servants

tortured/killed for amusement

Campanella, Vincenzo (1973–) AKA: Monster of DISPOSITION: Condemned, Apr. 1829; suicide by poi-Palermo

son in jail

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Canonico, Frank Anthony (1938–)

DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Palermo, Italy VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Two

DATE(S): 1970s–80s VENUE: Eastern USA VIC-

MO: Slayer of victims in random attacks

TIMS: 25 confessed

DISPOSITION: Confined as juvenile offender

MO: Shot "loose women" met in bars while traveling DISPOSITION: Two life terms in Fla., May 1982

Campbell, Henry Colin (1896–1930)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-inheri-

Capone, Alphonse (1899–1947) AKA: Scarface tance

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1928–29 VENUE: N.J. VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1919–29 VENUE: N.Y./Ill. VICTIMS:

MO: “Bluebeard” bigamist, shot two wives
Five+ personal
DISPOSITION: Executed Apr. 17, 1930
MO: Prohibition mobster; ordered hundreds of murders besides those committed personally
Campbell, James (1969–)
DISPOSITION: 11 years for tax evasion, 1932; died SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
from tertiary syphilis, Jan. 25, 1947
DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: Beenham, England
VICTIMS: Two
Caputo, Ricardo (1950–)
MO: Rape-slayer of young women
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1988
DATE(S): 1971–83 VENUE: USA/Mexico VIC-
TIMS: Five
Canady, James Dwight (?–)
MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of lovers
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: 25 years to life in N.Y., 1995

Carawan, George Washington (d. 1852)
Carr, Thomas (d. 1870)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1840s–52 VENUE: Goose Creek, N.C.
DATE(S): 1869–70 VENUE: Ohio VICTIMS: 14
VICTIMS: Three
suspected
MO: Killed first wife, second wife’s suspected lover, MO: Lust killer of women
and a male neighbor
DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count, 1870
DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot during murder
trial, 1852

Carraher, Patrick (d. 1946)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-argu-
Cardinella, Salvatore (1880–1921) AKA: The Devil ment
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1934/45 VENUE: Glasgow, Scotland
DATE(S): c. 1910–21 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
VICTIMS: Two
TIMS: 20+
MO: Killed soldiers in drunken brawls
MO: "Black Hand" extortionist and killer
DISPOSITION: three years for manslaughter (1934); DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count, 1921
hanged Apr. 4, 1946
Carpenter, David Joseph (1930–) AKA: Trailside **Carrington, Celeste Simone** (1961–)
Killer
SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./sad.
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: San Carlos and Palo
DATE(S): 1979–80 VENUE: San Francisco, Calif.
Alto, Calif. VICTIMS: Two
VICTIMS: 10
MO: Killed two men during burglaries
MO: Shot/stabbed hikers in local parks
DISPOSITION: Condemned on Nov. 23, 1994
DISPOSITION: Condemned
Carroll, Robert Lee (?–)
Carpenter, Joseph (1933–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.
DATE(S): 1970/89 VENUE: Ohio/Ala. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1963/86 VENUE: France VICTIMS:Two
Two
MO: Killed wife, 1965; raped/killed woman in 1986
MO: Drug-related murder in Ohio; stabbed Ala. jail DISPOSITION: 1965 life sentence (paroled 1980); life inmate
term, 1987

DISPOSITION: Convicted in Ohio (sentence
unknown); condemned in Ala.

Carr, Hank Earl (d. 1998)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

Carter, Dean Phillip (1957–)

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Four+

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

suspected

DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS: Five

MO: Shot three lawmen in May 1998; previously

MO: Strangled women in three cities

boasted of beating an unknown man to death

DISPOSITION: Condemned

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot, May 19, 1998

Carter, Jonathan Erik (1980–99)

Carr, John Dell (1962–)

SEX: M

RACE: W

TYPE: T

MOTIVE:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Unknown

DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Shelby/Hamilton coun-

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:

ties, Ind. VICTIMS: Two

Five alleged

MO: Killed mother-in-law and a female acquaintance MO: Career thief who shot four victims, killing three, DISPOSITION: 80 years on one count, 1992; 60 years in a December shooting spree; posthumously named concurrent on second count, 1997

as the killer of two other victims

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot prior to capture, **Carr, Robert Frederick, III** (1943–)

Dec. 28, 1999

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1972–76 VENUE: Fla./Conn. VICTIMS:

Carter, Frank (1881–1926) AKA: Phantom Sniper Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
MO: Rapist who killed one woman and three children specific
DISPOSITION: Three life terms + 360 years in Fla., DATE(S): 1926 VENUE: Omaha, Nebr./Council
Sept. 1976
Bluffs, Iowa VICTIMS: Three

MO: Random shootings of three men and a girl
Catlin, Steven David (1944–)
DISPOSITION: Hanged
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-inheri-
tance
Carter, Horace (1918–)
DATE(S): 1976–84 VENUE: Calif./Nev. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
Four
specific
MO: Poisoned parents and two wives with herbicide DATE(S): 1951
VENUE: England
VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Condemned
Three
MO: Strangler of young girls; no sexual assault **Cavaness, Dr. John Dale** (1925–86)
DISPOSITION: Declared legally insane; confined to SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
asylum
DATE(S): 1977/84 VENUE: Ill./Mo. VICTIMS: Two
MO: Shot his own sons for life insurance
Carter, Robert Anthony (1964–98)
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1985; suicide in prison, SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
Nov. 17, 1986
DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS:
Two
Chabakwenzi, Chamwinu (?–)

MO: Killed robbery victims
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DISPOSITION: Executed May 18, 1998
DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Zambia VICTIMS: "Sev-
eral"

Casablanca, John (1943–)

MO: Hired killer of elderly suspected "witches" in two SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
provinces, whose employers included several chil-DATE(S): 1965/81 VENUE: New York City VIC-
dren; self-styled "savior of the young ones"
TIMS: Five
DISPOSITION: Unknown

MO: Three contract murders; two killings in personal **Chacon, Augustin** (d. 1902) AKA: The Hairy One disputes
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
DISPOSITION: Plea bargain to three counts of
DATE(S): 1895–1901 VENUE: Ariz. Territory VIC-
manslaughter, 1965 (paroled 1982); ruled insane on TIMS: Eight+
two counts, 1981

MO: Sadistic outlaw; slayer of holdup victims and lawmen

Cassandra, Simone (?–) AKA: Monster of Norma DISPOSITION: Hanged, Nov. 1902
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Norma, Italy VIC-

Chadd, Billy (1954–)

TIMS: "Several"
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Confessed 11 rapes, with "several" victims stran-DATE(S): 1974–78 VENUE: Calif./Nev. VICTIMS:
gled
Three confessed
DISPOSITION: Pled guilty; sentence unknown

MO: Stabbed two women and one man in sexual assaults DISPOSITION: Nev. life sentence; 13 years for rape in **Cassimiro, Andre Luiz** (1965–)
Calif.

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE:
Sex./Sad./CE

Chanal, Pierre (1946–2003)
DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Juiz de Fora, Brazil
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
VICTIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1980–88 VENUE: Marne region, France
MO: Burglar who raped/tortured/strangled women age VICTIMS: Eight
58–77
MO: Sadistic rape-slayer of young men
DISPOSITION: Confessed 1996; sentence unknown
DISPOSITION: Served seven years for torture-rape of a surviving victim, 1988–95; committed suicide by **Castro, Edward** (1950–)
slashing an artery in his left leg on eve of trial on SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
three murder counts, Oct. 14, 2003
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
MO: Robbed/stabbed men met in Pinellas and Marion **Chapman, George** [*See* KLOSOWSKI, SEVERIN]
county bars
DISPOSITION: Condemned 1988 + five years for rob-Chapman, Glenn Edward (1967–)
bery; life on second count, 1991
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Hickory, N.C. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Received 15-year sentence for murder Two
in 1987; paroled 1994; executed on one count, April MO: Rape-slayer of female addicts
22, 2003
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1994

Chermukhin, Konstantin (?–) AKA: The Barbarian **Charleston, Shavonda** (1979–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Rostov-on-Don, Russia

cific

VICTIMS: Four confessed

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Louisville, Ky. VIC-

MO: Killed three young children and one child's TIMS: Four

mother

MO: Mother who murdered her own children, aged DISPOSITION: Unknown

two weeks, 17 months, two years, and five years, staging the deaths as SIDS

Chiatti, Luigi (?–) AKA: Monster of Foligno DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on four counts and SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

received a life term without parole, June 19, 2001

DATE(S): 1992–93 VENUE: Foligno, Italy VIC-

TIMS: Two

Chase, Richard Trenton (1950–) AKA: Sacramento MO: Pedophile slayer of children

Vampire

DISPOSITION: Life sentence

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Chilala, Bernard Gilbert (?–)

DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

VICTIMS: Six

cific

MO: Killed random victims to drink their blood DATE(S): 1989–99 VENUE: Lusaka, Zambia VIC-DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1979; prison suicide,

TIMS: 30–70

Dec. 26, 1980

MO: Ex-soldier who killed random victims with axes and hoes

Chavez, Francisco de (d. 1541)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on four counts, Dec. 1, SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-2000

extremist

DATE(S): 1532–33 VENUE: Peru VICTIMS: 600+

Choate, Pearl (1907–)

MO: Spanish conquistador and associate of Hernando SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-inheri-Pizarro; killed at least 600 young Inca children, with tance

an uncertain number of adults

DATE(S): 1930s–65 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Killed by a mob in Spain, 1541

Seven suspected

MO: "Black widow" slayer of elderly millionaire hus-Chavez, Juan (1964–)

bands

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Served 12 years on one murder count DATE(S): 1986–89 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

VICTIMS: Five

Christenson, William Dean (1945–)

MO: Killed gay men aged 46–57 in "effort to stop the SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC-spread of AIDS"

argument

DISPOSITION: Confessed murders while imprisoned DATE(S): 1981–82 VENUE: Canada/Eastern U.S.

for a 1996 kidnapping; received five consecutive life VICTIMS: Five to 30

terms without parole, June 21, 1999

MO: At least four women stabbed/dismembered; one man shot

Chavez, Juan Rodriguez (1968–2003) AKA: Thrill DISPOSITION: Life + 20 years for two Pa. murders Killer

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE-

Christian, James Edward (1944–) AKA: Black Satin felony

Killer

DATE(S): 1985/1995 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

TIMS: 11 confessed

DATE(S): 1970 VENUE: Canada/eastern U.S. VIC-

MO: Shot male victim in 1985; shot others during a TIMS: Three

three-month crime spree, during robberies and for MO: Mutilation-slayer of young women

the "thrill of killing"

DISPOSITION: Plea bargain for two life terms

Christiansen, Thor Nis (1945–)

Clark, Hadden (1952–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATE(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Santa Barbara, Calif.

specific

VICTIMS: Four

DATE(S): 1980s–1990s VENUE:

MO: Execution-style shootings of young women

Md./Mass./Conn./R.I./Vt. VICTIMS: 11 confessed DISPOSITION: Life term, 1980; murdered in prison MO: Discharged from U.S. Navy as a paranoid schizo-Mar. 30, 1981

phrenic, 1984; killed women and girls and cannibalized them in an effort to "become" his victims **Christofi, Styllou** (1900–54)

DISPOSITION: Serving 70 years in Maryland for mur-SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-conflict

ders of a 23-year-old woman (1992) and a six-year-DATE(S): 1925/53 VENUE: Cyprus/England VIC-

old girl (1996); confessed other slayings in four New TIMS: Two

England states but failed to locate graves

MO: Killed mother and daughter-in-law

DISPOSITION: Hanged in England

Clark, Dr. Roland E. (d. 1972)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

Christopher, Joseph G. (1955–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

specific

extremist

DATE(S): 1954–67 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VIC-

DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: 13 admit-

TIMS: Five

ted

MO: Physician linked to deaths of three patients and MO: Racist who shot/stabbed black and Hispanic men two employees

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1985

DISPOSITION: Three to 15 years for manslaughter; died in prison, 1972

Chung Doo-Young (1967–)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

Clark, Ronald Wayne, Jr. (1968–)

DATE(S): 1985–2000 VENUE: Pusan, South Korea

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

VICTIMS: Ten

DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Killed a security guard in 1985; killed nine more MO: Holdup-murders in Nassau and Duval counties victims in 13 robberies between June 1999 and April DISPOSITION: Life terms for murder and robbery, 2000

1990; condemned on second count, 1991

DISPOSITION: Served 12 years (1985–97) for first murder; paroled from a theft conviction, March **Clements, Archie** (1843–66)

1999; confessed nine murders, April 2000; final disSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

position unknown

DATE(S): 1861–66 VENUE: Kans./Mo. VICTIMS:

“Numerous”

Cianculli, Leonarda (d. 1970) AKA: Witch of Corregio MO: Notorious member of “QUANTRILL’S RAIDERS”

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DISPOSITION: Killed by Union troops, Dec. 13, 1866

cific

DATE(S): 1939–40 VENUE: Corregio, Italy VIC-

Clements, Dr. Robert George (1890–1947) TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-inheri-

MO: Killed female acquaintances, cooking their bodies tance

to produce “magic” potions and candles to defeat a DATE(S): 1920-47 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

“family curse”

DISPOSITION: Committed to asylum for 30 years, Four

1946; died of stroke in custody, Oct. 15, 1970

MO: Medical “Bluebeard,” killed wives with morphine injections

Clarey, Richard N., Jr. (1961–)

DISPOSITION: Suicide to avoid arrest

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:PC-non-

specific

Clepper, Gregory (1967–)

DATE(S): 1970s–84 VENUE: Germany/Mich. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Three confirmed

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

MO: Confessed random murders of “more than 100, TIMS: 40 confessed

less than 150”

MO: Rape-strangler of female prostitutes who insisted DISPOSITION: Two Mich. terms of life without parole that he pay for sex

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on one count and

DATE(S): 1975–86 VENUE: Md./N.C./Va. VIC-

received an 80-year prison term, March 20, 2001; TIMS: Five+ suspected

12 other counts dismissed in plea bargain

MO: Pedophile slayer of children aged 8–12

DISPOSITION: 50 years for molestation in North Car-Click, Franklin (1919–50)

olina, 1986; condemned on one count, 1987 (comSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:

muted to life on appeal, 1995)

Sex./Sad./PC-extremist

DATE(S): 1944 VENUE: Fort Wayne, Ind. VIC-

Cohen, Charles Mark (1954–)

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 17–38

DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: Del./Calif. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Executed, Dec. 1950

Three

MO: Stabbed/bludgeoned parents; stabbed/robbed gay **Cline, Alfred L.** (1888–1948)

man
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-inheri-
DISPOSITION: Life term for killing parents in Del., tance
1992
DATE(S): 1930–45 VENUE: Western U.S. VIC-
TIMS: Nine

Coit, Jill (c. 1943–)
MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of eight wives and one male SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
friend
DATE(S): 1969–76 VENUE: Tex./Colo. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: 126-year sentence in Calif.; died in Two
prison, Aug. 1948

MO: "Black widow" slayer of husbands for profit DISPOSITION: Life without parole + 48 years on one **Cloutier, Robert** (1964–)
count in Colo., 1996
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS: Two **Coleman, Charles Troy** (1947–90)
MO: Rape-slayer of women
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1991; life +
DATE(S): 1976–79 VENUE: Calif./Okla. VICTIMS:
146 years on second count, 1991
Four

MO: Bludgeoned an acquaintance; shot three robbery **Cobb, Hoyt Budd** (1931–)
victims
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:CE-felony
DISPOSITION: Executed in Okla., Sept. 10, 1990
DATE(S): 1960s VENUE: Ga./Fla. VICTIMS: Two
MO: Bludgeoned two victims in robberies

Coll, Vincent (1909–32) AKA: "Mad Mick"; Mad DISPOSITION: Concurrent life terms in Ga. and Fla.
Dog
(paroled 1989)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1920s–32 VENUE: New York City VIC-

Coddington, Herbert James (1959–)

TIMS: Seven+

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

MO: Psychopathic racketeer involved in Prohibition DATE(S): 1981–87 VENUE: Nev/Calif. VICTIMS:

gang wars

Three

DISPOSITION: Murdered by rival gangster, Feb. 9, MO: Rape-slayer of female victims

1932

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Calif., 1987

Collins, Darnell (d. 1995)

Code, Nathaniel Robert, Jr. (1956–)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE:

DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS: Five

Sex./Sad./PC-domestic

MO: Shot victims during two-state crime spree

DATE(S): 1984–86 VENUE: Shreveport, La. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Killed while resisting arrest, June 21, TIMS: 13

1995

MO: Bisexual home invader, killed six men, three women, and four children

Collins, John Norman (1947–) AKA: Ypsilanti Rip-DISPOSITION: Condemned

per

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Coffey, Fred Howard, Jr. (1945–)

DATE(S): 1967–69 VENUE: Mich./Calif. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Eight

MO: Mutilation-slayer of young women

Conz, Gianni (?–) AKA: Strangler of the Hills DISPOSITION: Mich. life sentence on one murder SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

count
DATE(S): 1975 VENUE: Veronisi Hills, Italy VICTIMS: Three

Colwell, Lawrence (1969–)
MO: Lust killer of women
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:
DISPOSITION: Died of natural causes, 1980

Sex./Sad./CE
DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Nev./Calif. VICTIMS:

Cook, William (1929–52)
Three
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
MO: Beat/strangled one woman and two men “for
specific
fun”; one victim robbed
DATE(S): 1950–51 VENUE: Mo./Calif. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Condemned in Nev.

Six
MO: Shot two men one woman and three children kid-Comer, Chester (d. 1935)
napped while traveling
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
DISPOSITION: Executed in Calif., Dec. 12, 1952
specific
DATE(S): 1934–35 VENUE: Kans./Okla. VIC-

Cooke, Eric Edgar (1929–64)
TIMS: Five
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
MO: Shot wife, ex-wife, three male strangers in unex-specific
plained rampage
DATE(S): 1959–61 VENUE: Perth, Australia VIC-
DISPOSITION: Died Nov. 27, 1935, after shoot-out TIMS: Six
with police
MO: Stabbed/shot two men and three women in random attacks

Commander, Charles J., IV (1968–)
DISPOSITION: Hanged Oct. 24, 1964
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific

Cooke Sidney (1928–)
DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Fla./N.J. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
Two suspected
DATE(S): 1970s–80s VENUE: England VICTIMS:
MO: Shot/dismembered women, one of them his room-
"Several" suspected
mate
MO: Fairgrounds worker and pedophile child-slayer DISPOSITION: 22 years on one count, second degree +
DISPOSITION: 16 years on one count, 1988 (paroled five years for possession of concealed firearm in Fla.
1998)
Conahan, Daniel Owen, Jr. (1954–) AKA: Hog Trail Killer
Copeland, David (1976–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-
DATE(S): 1994–97 VENUE: Punta Gorda, Fla.
extremist
VICTIMS: Six
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: London, England VIC-
MO: Gay mutilation-slayer of young men dumped in TIMS: Three
rural settings
MO: White-supremacist engineer who planted nail DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count with 15
bombs in pubs, including one gay bar, killing three years for kidnapping, Dec. 10, 1999
persons and wounding 129
DISPOSITION: Pled guilty to manslaughter on June 5, **Conde, Rory Enrique** (1965–) AKA: Tamiami 2000, and received a life prison term
Strangler
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Coppola, Michael (1904–66)
DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Dade County, Fla.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
VICTIMS: Six
DATE(S): 1920s–60 VENUE: N.Y./Ky. VICTIMS:

MO: Rape-strangler of female prostitutes

"Numerous"

DISPOSITION: Received 18-year terms on each of four MO: Sadistic Mafia "enforcer"; killed for pleasure felony counts (armed robbery, burglary, kidnapping, and profit; performed kitchen-table abortions on and sexual assault), Feb. 13, 1998; condemned on wife

one murder count, March 7, 2000; received five life DISPOSITION: Convicted of extortion, 1960 (paroled terms for other slayings, April 3, 2001

1963)

Corbett, Tammy (1965–)

MO: Mutilation-slayer of girls age 11–16

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on two counts, 1980

cific

DATE(S): 1987–89 VENUE: Carlinsville, Ill. VIC-Corvin, Mendum Paul (1934–)

TIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

MO: Killed her own young children

DATE(S): 1968–70 VENUE: Fla./Pa. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Life term on four counts, 1993

Two

MO: Twice impregnated his adolescent daughter, **Corcoran, Joseph** (1975–)

killing newborns to avoid prosecution for incest SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty; two concurrent life terms DATE(S): 1992/1997 VENUE: Kokomo, Ind. VICTIMS: Six

Corwin, Daniel Lee (1959–98)

MO: Killed his parents in 1992; later shot his brother SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

and three other men for "talking about him"

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Acquitted of killing his parents, though MO: Rape-slayer of women age 26 to 72

relatives now admit his guilt; condemned on four DISPOSITION: Executed Dec. 7, 1998

counts, May 1999

Costa, Antone Charles (1945–74)

Corio, Pier Luigi (?–) AKA: Monster of Leffe SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1966–69 VENUE: Calif./N.Y./Mass. VIC-

DATE(S): 1987–89 VENUE: Leffe, Italy VICTIMS:

TIMS: Eight

Three+ suspected

MO: Sadistic necrophile/cannibal-slayer of young MO: Victims shot, some buried in his garden

women

DISPOSITION: Life sentence

DISPOSITION: Mass. life sentence, 1970; prison suicide May 12, 1974

Corliss, Charles (1940–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Cota, Fernando Velazco (1946–84)

DATE(S): 1960/90 VENUE: Mont./Wash. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1966–69 VENUE: San Jose, Calif. VIC-

MO: Slayer of women; one victim shot

TIMS: Seven

DISPOSITION: Jailed in Mont., 1965–85; 74 years in MO: Convicted rapist, preyed on women ages 20–57

Wash. on one murder count and two counts

DISPOSITION: Suicide to avoid arrest, Oct. 14, 1984

attempted murder, 1991

Cottingham, Richard Francis (1946–)

Corner, Mark (1977–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1977–80 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Liverpool, England VIC-
Five
TIMS: Two
MO: “Ripper” of female prostitutes
MO: Killed and dismembered two female prostitutes DISPOSITION: Multiple life terms, 1981–84
DISPOSITION: Pled guilty with diminished capacity on two counts, Oct. 24, 2003; confined to Ashworth **Cotton, Mary Ann** (1832–73)
Hospital
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
DATE(S): 1857–72 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
Cortez, Gregorio (1875–1916)
21+
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
MO: “Black widow” poisoner of family members
DATE(S): 1901 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Three
DISPOSITION: Hanged Mar. 24, 1873
MO: Suspected livestock rustler; killed lawmen while a fugitive
Courtwright, Timothy Isaiah (1848–87) AKA: Long-DISPOSITION: 50 years on two counts, 1901 (par-hair Jim
doned, 1913)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1883–87 VENUE: Tex./N. Mex./Kans.
Cortez, Manuel Trinidad (1955–)
VICTIMS: Four+
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Hired gunman, “regulator,” and sometime law-DATE(S): 1978–79 VENUE: Ore. VICTIMS: Three
man

DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with LUKE SHORT, **Crawford, Charles L.** (1939–)
Feb. 8, 1887
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1964 VENUE: Mo./Ind. VICTIMS: Three
Cowans, Jesse James (1960–)

confessed
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
MO: Shot/hacked male victims to death
DATE(S): 1977/96 VENUE: Monroe County, Ohio
DISPOSITION: Life term in Mo., 1965 (paroled 1990); VICTIMS: Two convicted on one count in Ind., 1994
MO: Strangled paraplegic man (1977) and elderly woman (1996)

Crawford, John (?–)
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1997
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1981/1992 VENUE: Alberta, Canada

Cox, Frederick Pete (1953–)
VICTIMS: Four
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Sex-slayer of Aboriginal women
DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Orlando, Fla. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Convicted of first murder, 1982;
Three
paroled 1989; received three life terms in 1993
MO: Violently attacked five women, killing three; all but one victim were prostitutes

Cream, Dr. Thomas Neill (1850–92)
DISPOSITION: Three life terms for murder, January SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
2003; also received two 30-year terms for attempted DATE(S): 1880–92 VENUE: Canada/USA/England
murder in nonfatal assaults
VICTIMS: Seven
MO: “Bluebeard” physician and sadistic poisoner of **Cox, Scott William** (1962–)
prostitutes
DISPOSITION: Hanged Nov. 15, 1892
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1980s–92 VENUE: USA/Canada VIC-

Creech, Thomas Eugene (1950–)
TIMS: 20+ suspected
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO:Long-haul trucker; confessed slayer of female DATE(S): 1967–75 VENUE: Western U.S. VIC-prostitutes in western U.S. and Canada

TIMS: 42 confessed

DISPOSITION: Consecutive 12.5-year terms on two MO: Claims gang-related kills, contract “hits,” human counts, 1993

sacrifice

DISPOSITION: Condemned for two Idaho murders

Coyner, James [*See* ROBINSON, ALONZO]

Creighton, Mary Frances (d. 1936)

Craig, Donnie Gene (1965–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1923–35 VENUE: N.J./N.Y. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two

Three

MO: Gay males robbed/killed at home

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of brother, mother-in-DISPOSITION: 25-year sentence on one murder

law, and lover’s wife

count

DISPOSITION: Executed July 19, 1936

ACCOMPLICE: Earl Applegate (1898–1936) executed **Craig, Eric Roland** (1932–)

July 19, 1936 for participation in his wife’s murder SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1932 VENUE: Sydney, Australia VIC-

Cross, Theresa Jimmie Francine (1946–) TIMS: Three

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

MO: Bludgeoned females age 14–30

DATE(S): 1964/1985 VENUE: Sacramento County,

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1933 (commuted to life Calif. VICTIMS: Three

on appeal)

MO: Shot her husband in an argument; shot and

starved one of her daughters and fatally beat another **Craine, Louis** (1957–)

DISPOSITION: Acquitted in her husband's death; pled SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

guilty on two murder counts regarding her daugh-DATE(S): 1985–87 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

ters and received two life terms, October 1995

VICTIMS: Five

MO: Rape-slayer of black prostitutes

Crump, Michael Wayne (1960–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Hillsborough, Fla.

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Minn./Ill./N.J./Fla. VIC-

VICTIMS: Two

TIMS: Five

MO: Killed victims in personal altercations

MO: Random murders of men by gay "thrill killer"

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1987; con-DISPOSITION: Suicide in Fla. to avoid capture

demned on second count, 1989

Cunningham, Anna (1873– ?)

Crump, Thomas Wayne (1940–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

cific

DATE(S): 1970s–80 VENUE: N. Mex./Nev. VIC-

DATE(S): 1918–25 VENUE: Gary, Ind. VICTIMS:

TIMS: 11 confessed

Five

MO: Killed his wife, a prostitute, and various strangers.

MO:"Black widow" poisoner of husband and children DISPOSITION: N. Mex. life sentence; condemned in DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1925

Nev.

Curreli, Sergio (?–) AKA: Monster of Arbus **Crutchley, John Brennan** (1946–2002)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
specific
DATE(S): 1977–85 VENUE: Va./Fla. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1982–90 VENUE: Arbus, Italy VICTIMS:
Seven suspected
Five
MO: “Vampire” rapist linked to deaths/disappearances MO: Random victims shot/hanged/burned
of women
DISPOSITION: Life sentence
DISPOSITION: 25-year sentence for sexual assault in Fla., 1986 (paroled, Aug. 1996); returned to prison **Cutro, Gail** (1960–)
three days later for using illegal drugs; suicide in SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-prison, April 1, 2002
cific
DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Columbia, S.C. VICTIMS:
Cruz, James Robert, Jr. (1957–)
Two
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Day-care provider who murdered two four-
DATE(S): 1980s–93 VENUE: Midwest U.S. VIC-
month-old infants left in her home
TIMS: “Several”
DISPOSITION: Convicted on one murder count and MO: Trucker; rape-strangler of women, mostly prosti-sentenced to life imprisonment, 1994; verdict over-tutes
DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Pa., 1994
turned on appeal, 1998; convicted on two counts and sentenced to life, July 2, 2000; acquitted of **Cullen, Charles** (1960–)
injuring a third four-month-old at second trial SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-mercy
DATE(S): 1987–2003 VENUE: N.J./Pa. VICTIMS:
Cutter, Larry M. (1966–)
40 confessed
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Nurse who killed patients at 10 hospitals and DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind.

nursing homes

VICTIMS: Four suspected

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to 17 murders on Oct.

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 18–37

8, 2004; received multiple life terms with 127 years DISPOSITION: 110 years on one count, 1995

minimum

Cvjetan, Sasa (1974–)

Cummins, Gordon Frederick (1914–42) AKA: BlackSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

out Ripper

extremist

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Kosovo, Serbia VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1941–42 VENUE: London, England VIC-

14

TIMS: Four to six

MO: Policeman who murdered Albanians, mostly

MO: Mutilation-murders of women

women and children, during “ethnic cleansing”

DISPOSITION: Hanged for four murders, June 25, 1942

DISPOSITION: Received life sentence, March 16, 2004

Cunanan, Andrew Philip (1970–97)

Daddano, William, Sr. (1912–75) AKA: Willie PotaSEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

toes

specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

DATE(S): 1930s–60s VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

Daughtrey, Earl Llewellyn, Jr. (1949–) TIMS: “Numerous”

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Syndicate torture-slayer

DATE(S): 1971–85 VENUE: Ala./Ga. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Convicted of conspiracy, 1969; died in Three alleged by FBI
prison, 1975
MO: Ex-con/mental patient publicly named as probable murderer
Dalton, Lawrence N. (1945–)
DISPOSITION: Served time in Fla. and Ga. for attacks SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
on women
DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Wisc./Ill. VICTIMS:
More than three
Davey, Margaret (d. 1542)
MO: Rape-slayer of at least two women and a 12-yearSEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
old girl
cific
DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Wisc., 1984
DATE(S): 1530s–1542 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
"Several"
Damren, Floyd William (1951–)
MO: Domestic cook who poisoned various employers SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
and their families
DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
DISPOSITION: Boiled alive, 1542
MO: Killed burglary victim and a criminal accomplice, in Clay and Putnam counties
Davis, Arlie Ray (1955–2002)
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count + life for SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
burglary, 1995; life term on second count, 1996
DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Central Illinois VIC-
TIMS: More than four suspected
Daniels, Robert Wayne, Jr. (?–)
MO: Rape-slayer of female prostitutes; victims beaten SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony
and strangled
DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Ore./Ariz./Calif. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Condemned for killing a woman in
TIMS: Six
Kewanee, 1999; sentence commuted to life on
MO: Victims shot/robbed, often while camping
appeal; prime suspect in several Peoria disappear-DISPOSITION: Life prison term in Ore.
ances

Danks, Joseph (1961–) AKA: Koreatown Slasher **Davis, Bruce A.** (1948–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC
specific
DATE(S): 1969–82 VENUE: USA, nationwide VIC-
DATE(S): 1987/90 VENUE: Los Angeles/Tehachapi, TIMS: 33 confessed
Calif. VICTIMS: Six
MO: Killed 32 gay men and one prison guard
MO: Stabbed homeless transients (1987); killed cell-DISPOSITION: Five to 15 years in D.C.; life + 45 years mate (1990)
in Ill.
DISPOSITION: Life term, 1988; condemned, 1991

Davis, Cecil Emile (1960–)

Danos, Abel (d. 1952)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:
DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Tacoma, Wash. VICTIMS:
Sad./CE/PC-extremist
Three suspected
DATE(S): 1940–48 VENUE: France/Italy VICTIMS:
MO: Rape-slayer of elderly women in their homes 110+
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1998
MO: Career criminal; Gestapo executioner in World War II; shot police during postwar robberies

Davis, Charles (?–)

DISPOSITION: Executed in France, Mar. 1952
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1970s VENUE: Md. VICTIMS: Five

Daugherty, Jeffrey Joseph (1955–88)
MO: Ambulance driver and rape-slayer of women; SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony
dumped victims on his own route and phoned in
DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Eastern U.S. VICTIMS:
reports; then retrieved bodies
Four
DISPOSITION: Life imprisonment
MO: Robbed/shot four women on trip from Mich. to Fla.
Davis, Frank (1953–)
DISPOSITION: Executed in Fla., Nov. 7, 1988
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1971/83 VENUE: La Porte County, Ind.
DISPOSITION: 375 years cumulative time from six VICTIMS: Three separate trials
MO: Pedophile slayer of teenage boys
DISPOSITION: 1984 death sentence commuted to life, **Deeming, Frederick Bailey** (1853–92)
July 1997
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1891–92 VENUE: England/Australia
Davis, Gregory (1966–)
VICTIMS: Six
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of wives and children for DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Ga./Miss. VICTIMS:
profit
Four
DISPOSITION: Hanged in Australia, May 23, 1892
MO: Home invader who preyed on elderly women
DISPOSITION: Condemned in Miss.
DeJesus, Carmello (1934–73)
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
Davis, Richard Allen (1954–)
DATE(S): 1971–73 VENUE: N.Y./N.J./Fla. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: Four confessed
DATE(S): 1973–93 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS: Two
MO: Stabbed/shot women in three states
suspected
DISPOSITION: Suicide in N.Y., Sept. 8, 1973; left MO: Suspect in shotgun "suicide" of girlfriend; rape-written confession
slayer of 12-year-old girl
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count
Delage, Richard Tobias (1945–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
Dawson, Timothy Carl (1961–)
specific
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE-
DATE(S): 1960–75 VENUE: N.Y./Pa./Conn. VIC-
felony
TIMS: Two to four+
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VICTIMS:
MO: Shot women in random, motiveless attacks
Four
DISPOSITION: Plea bargained for 20-year maximum, MO: Shot male victims at two downtown hotels, rob-Sept. 1976
bing those killed in the second incident
DISPOSITION: Convicted on four counts of murder **del Junco, Francisco** (1957–)
and sentenced to life in prison, Nov. 14, 2002
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:
Day, William Scott (1951–)
Four
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony
MO: Slayer of black female drug addicts who burned DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Tenn./Ariz./Fla./Tex.
his victims' bodies
VICTIMS: Five
DISPOSITION: Sentenced to four life terms, June 4, MO: Escaped convict from Michigan who

2003
robbed/killed random victims
DISPOSITION: Received three consecutive life terms in **Delpino, Jesus Carmenate** (1960–)
Tennessee
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC
DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: South Florida VICTIMS:
Dean, Williamina (1847–95)
Four confessed
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE-felony
MO: Killed his 14-year-old girlfriend and her mother in DATE(S): 1890–95 VENUE: Invercargill, New
May 1982, wounding a third victim at the same
Zealand VICTIMS: More than Five
time; subsequently confessed the murders of two MO: "Baby farmer" who killed infants left in her care women on Key West
DISPOSITION: Hanged on April 12, 1895
DISPOSITION: Received three life terms for murder and attempted murder, Feb. 28, 1993; received a **DeBardeleben, James Mitchell, II** (1940–) one-year sentence for escape, Aug. 27, 1993;
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:
received a sentence of three years and nine months CE/Sex./Sad.
for conspiracy to escape, July 5, 2000
DATE(S): 1965–83 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-
TIMS: Eight+ suspected
De Melker, Daisy Louisa (1886–1932)
MO: Career criminal and sexual sadist active in 44
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-insur-
American states, with victims of both sexes
ance

DATE(S): 1909–31 VENUE: South Africa VIC-
DISPOSITION: Convicted of intimidating witnesses, TIMS: Six
1972; murdered at home while the case was on
MO:"Black widow" poisoner of husband and children appeal, 1973
DISPOSITION: Hanged Dec. 30, 1932

Dial, Randolph Franklin (1944–)

Demps, Bennie E. (1950–2000)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1979–83 VENUE: Okla./Nev. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1971/76 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Three

"Numerous" confessed

MO: Killed two robbery victims in St. Johns County; MO: Alcoholic sculptor and confessed contract killer; murdered a fellow prison inmate

also claimed antidrug vigilante murders

DISPOSITION: Life + 20 years on two counts, 1971; DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Okla., 1986; condemned, 1978; executed June 7, 2000

escaped from prison with deputy warden's wife (presumed kidnap victim), 1989; still at large

Dennis, Jerome (1967–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Diamond, John, Jr. (1896–1931) AKA: Legs DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: East Orange, N.J.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

VICTIMS: Five

DATE(S): 1920–31 VENUE: New York City VIC-

MO: Rape-slayer of females age 16 to 41

TIMS: 12+

DISPOSITION: Life sentence with 60-year minimum, MO: Independent racketeer; engaged in Prohibition 1993

gang wars

DISPOSITION: Murdered by rival gangsters, Dec. 17, **Denyer, Paul** (1972–)

1931

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Frankston, Australia VIC-

Diao Ruiying (1954–98)

TIMS: Three

SEX: F RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

MO: Hater of women who claimed he "always wanted cific

to kill” from age 14; stabbed/strangled three females DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Shangqiu, China VIC-aged 17–22

TIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Life term with no minimum sentence MO: Poisoned neighborhood children aged four to six DISPOSITION: Executed Jan. 18, 1999

Deshayes, Catherine (d. 1680) AKA: La Voisin SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1660s–78 VENUE: Paris, France VIC-

Diaz, Robert Rubane (1938–)

TIMS: 2,500 confessed

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO: “Witch” and “seer” who sacrificed infants in DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Southern Calif. VICTIMS:

satanic rituals for wealthy clients

12–50

DISPOSITION: Burned at the stake, Feb. 22, 1680

MO: Male nurse; killed patients age 52–89 by injection ACCOMPLICE: Abbé Guibourg (1612–82), renegade

DISPOSITION: Condemned on 12 counts, 1984

priest who assisted in black masses; died in prison **Diederich, Klaus** (1946–)

DeSimone, Thomas (d. 1979)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: Y MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: Kassel, Germany VIC-

DATE(S): 1960s–70s VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

TIMS: Three

Six+

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 22–77

MO: Syndicate mobster and hit man

DISPOSITION: Life sentence

DISPOSITION: Murdered in gangland reprisal, Jan.

1979

Dillbeck, Donald David (1963–)

SEX: M

RACE: W

TYPE: N
MOTIVE: CE-
DeStefano, Sam (1909–73) AKA: Mad Sam
felony
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
DATE(S): 1979/90 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1927–71 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
MO: Killed policeman (1979); kidnapped and stabbed TIMS: "Numerous"
female motorist after escape from prison
MO: Syndicate hit man, rapist, sexual psychopath; DISPOSITION: Life term, 1979 (escaped 1990); con-murder victims included his own brother
demned, 1991

Dillon, Thomas (1951–)
DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Broward County, Fla.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
VICTIMS: Two
specific
MO: Killed kidnap/robbery victims
DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Ohio/Ind./Mich. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1982; life TIMS: Five to 11
on second count + five years for kidnapping, 1982
MO: Shot outdoorsmen in random, motiveless attacks DISPOSITION: 165 years for five Ohio murders, 1993
Drew, Carl H. (?–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:
Dobbert, Ernest John, Jr. (d. 1984)
CE/Sad./PC-extremist
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-domestic
DATE(S): 1979–80 VENUE: Fall River, Mass. VIC-
DATE(S): 1972 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
TIMS: Three suspected
MO: Abusive father; beat/strangled children age seven MO:Occultist and pimp who organized his "stable" as and 11

a satanic coven; “sacrificed” young women who dis-DISPOSITION: Executed Sept. 7, 1984
pleased him
DISPOSITION: Life without parole on one count, **Dodd, Westley Allan** (1961–93)
1981
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Vancouver, Wash. VIC-
Drinkwater, Dr. Peter (?–)
TIMS: Three
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
MO: Pedophile and Satanist; torture-slayer of young DATE(S): 1966/72 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
boys
Two
DISPOSITION: Hanged Jan. 5, 1993
MO: Ran down elderly man with his car; murdered his wife
Doss, Nannie Hazel (1905–65) AKA: Giggling DISPOSITION: Three-year driver’s license suspension Grandma
in first case; 12 years for manslaughter, 1972
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC
DATE(S): 1923–54 VENUE: N.C./Ala./Okla. VIC-
Duan Guocheng (1973–) AKA: Red Dress Killer; TIMS: 10 confessed
Psycho Killer
MO: “Black widow” slayer of four husbands, four SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
children, and two sisters; small insurance payments DATE(S): 1999–2001 VENUE: China VICTIMS: 19
received in some cases; husbands killed in quest for suspected
“romance”
DISPOSITION: Received life prison term in 1955; died MO: Mutilation-slayer of women in Hubei and Hunan in custody, 1965
Provinces; most victims wore red dresses when
attacked
Dowler, David A. (1967–)
DISPOSITION: Sentenced to seven years detention as a SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-juvenile at age 13; served five years

for robbery, mid-specific

1990s; convicted of multiple murders, Jan. 30, DATE(S): 1983–87 VENUE: Odessa, Tex. VIC-2003; sentence unknown

TIMS: Three

MO: Killed three acquaintances with cyanide/chloro-Dufour, Donald William (1956–)

form after having "premonitions" of their deaths SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1988

DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: Miss./Fla. VICTIMS: Five

to 12

Downing, William (d. 1900/08)

MO: Robbed and murdered gay men in their homes SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Miss., 1983; con-

DATE(S): 1890s VENUE: Ariz. Territory VICTIMS: demned in Fla., 1984

30+

MO: Old West lawman/outlaw

Dugan, Brian (1957–)

DISPOSITION: Killed resisting arrest, 1900 or 1908

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

(reports vary)

DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Ill. VICTIMS: Three

confessed

Doyle, Daniel Lee (1959–)

MO: Rape-slayer of female victims age seven to 27

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DISPOSITION: Life term on two counts, 1985

Dumollard, Martin (d. 1862) AKA: Monster of DATE(S): 1939 VENUE: Park County, Wyo. VIC-Montluel

TIMS: Five

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

MO: Poacher; killed two officers in jailbreak, two more DATE(S): 1855–61 VENUE: Lyons, France VICin ambush of posse, and one bank

teller in abortive TIMS: 30–40 estimated

robbery

MO: Killed/robbed young women; one victim buried DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out during bank rob-alive; later reports of cannibalism/vampirism unsub-bery

stantiated

DISPOSITION: Guillotined, 1862; wife Marie sen-Durkin, Martin James (1900–?)

tenced to 20 years as accomplice

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1925 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:

Dunbar, Jerry Lee (1961–)

Two

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Career criminal; killed two lawmen in separate DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Fairfax/Alexandria, Va.

incidents

VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: 35 years for murder + 15 years on fed-MO: Strangled women after sex; kept decomposing eral charges, 1926 (paroled 1954)

bodies in his motel rooms

DISPOSITION: Convicted on two counts, 1990

Durocher, Michael A. (1960–93)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

Dunkle, Jon Scott (1961–)

specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATE(S): 1983–88 VENUE: Jacksonville, Fla. VIC-specific

TIMS: Five

DATE(S): 1981–85 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS:

MO: Killed his lover, her two children, and two men Three

DISPOSITION: Executed Aug. 25, 1993

MO: “Thrill killer” of adolescent boys

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1990

Dyer, Albert (d. 1938)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Dunlap, Timothy (1969)

DATE(S): 1937 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

TIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Ohio/Idaho VICTIMS: Two

MO: Pedophile slayer who prayed over bodies of his MO: Killed girlfriend with crossbow; shot bank teller in robbery

victims

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Idaho (1992) and Ohio DISPOSITION: Hanged at San Quentin, 1938

(1993)

Dyer, Amelia (1839–96)

Dupas, Peter Norris (1953–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1880–96 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1985–99 VENUE: Victoria, Australia

Six in 1896 alone

VICTIMS: Four suspected

MO: “Baby farmer” who killed infants of unwed

MO: Sex offender with convictions dating from 1972, mothers

who stabbed female victims

DISPOSITION: Hanged June 10, 1896

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, Aug. 16, 2000; life term on second count, Aug. 15, 2004

Dzhumagliev, Nikolai (?–) AKA: Metal Fang SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

Duquette, James (1959–)

DATE(S): 1970s–91 VENUE: Russia VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Seven to 100 (reports vary)

DATE(S): 1987–87 VENUE: Wis./Ill. VICTIMS:

MO: Cannibal “ripper” of women; fed human flesh to Four+ suspected

friends at dinner parties

MO: Rape-slayer of teenage girls

DISPOSITION: Served time for manslaughter in 1970s; DISPOSITION: Multiple life terms in Wis. and Mass.

ruled insane 1980; escaped from asylum, 1989;

(for rape)
recaptured 1991
Durand, Earl (1913–39)
Earp, Wyatt Berry Stapp (1848–1929)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1878–82 VENUE: Kans./Ariz. VICTIMS:
MO: Sadistic Jamaican drug dealer; alleged to be first Seven+
dealer of "crack" cocaine in USA
MO: Old West gambler/pimp and occasional lawman; DISPOSITION: seven consecutive life terms + 15 years, killed personal enemies for various reasons, includ-1989, on 42 counts including six murders
ing revenge
DISPOSITION: Died of natural causes, Jan. 13, 1929
Edwards, Robert Mark (1952–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
Eastman, Edward (1873–1920) AKA: Monk
DATE(S): 1986/93 VENUE: Calif./Hawaii VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1890s–1920 VENUE: New York City
MO: Torture-slayer of women age 55 and 67
VICTIMS: 50+
DISPOSITION: Life term in Hawaii, 1995; condemned MO: Career criminal and street gang leader
in Calif., 1998
DISPOSITION: Murdered Dec. 26, 1920
Edwards, Vernon David, Jr. (1938–)
Eaton, Dennis Wayne (1957–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1954–59 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Shenandoah County, Va.
Two
VICTIMS: Four

MO: Rape-slayer of seven-year-old girl and 55-year-old MO: Shot victims, including girlfriend and a policeman woman

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on three counts; DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1972

condemned on one count; executed June 18, 1998

Elledge, James Homer (1943–2001)

Eberling, Richard George (1930–98)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1975/1998 VENUE: Seattle, Wash. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC

TIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1956–83 VENUE: Ohio/Mich. VICTIMS:

MO: While on parole from a 1975 bludgeon-murder Five suspected

conviction, Elledge attacked at least four women, MO: Female victims bludgeoned; some raped

strangling one in the church where he served as janitor DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Ohio, 1989; DISPOSITION: Life sentence for first murder; paroled died in prison July 25, 1998

1995; executed for second killing, Aug. 28, 2001

Edel, Frederick W. (?–)

Elledge, William Duane (1950–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DATE(S): 1926–27 VENUE: Conn./N.Y. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1974 VENUE: Broward/Duval Counties,

Three alleged

Fla. VICTIMS: Three

MO: Petty criminal; shot an innkeeper and a male MO: Raped/strangled woman; shot two robbery vic-acquaintance; bludgeoned/robbed a wealthy divortims

cée

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1974; con-DISPOSITION: Acquitted on one count, 1926; condemned on second count, 1977; life term on third demned 1930 (commuted to life, 1931); deported to count + 50 years for sexual assault, 1977

Germany on parole; died there at age 72

Elton, Dwayne (?–)

Edelin, Thomas (1968–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: Fort Lewis, Wash. VIC-
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-
TIMS: Two
TIMS: 11
MO: Shot one female prostitute, strangled and slashed MO: Drug dealer who murdered and ordered slayings another, dumping their bodies near Madigan Army of various rivals
Hospital
DISPOSITION: Life prison term
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty at court-martial to avoid execution; received a life term in military **Edwards, Delory** (1959–) AKA: Uzi
prison
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1985–88 VENUE: N.Y./D.C./Md./Pa.
E., Nandor (?–)
VICTIMS: Six+
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Budapest, Hungary VIC-
reports mention a fourth woman's body recovered TIMS: Three
by police
MO: Yugoslavian soldier who deserted to Hungary in DISPOSITION: Convicted of murder in Mexico, 1987; 1991; shot store clerks
subsequently released and moved to Austin, Texas; DISPOSITION: 35-year sentence for desertion, in convicted on three counts of murder in Texas and absentia; confessed three murders in March 1998; sentenced to life imprisonment, Sept. 8, 2000
disposition unknown
Estrada, Enrique (1941–)
Engelenhoven, Kely Van (1963–)
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Sioux Falls, S. Dak
TIMS: Two
VICTIMS: Two suspected
MO: Residential burglar; bound/bludgeoned elderly MO: Pedophile slayer of girls age nine and 11
women
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1991
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1978
Engelman, Dr. Glennon E. (1927–) AKA: Killing **Etheridge, Ellen** (1938–)
Dentist
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-domes-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC-
tic
revenge
DATE(S): 1913 VENUE: Bosque County, Tex. VIC-
DATE(S): 1954–80 VENUE: St. Louis, Mo. VIC-
TIMS: Four
TIMS: Seven
MO: “Black widow” poisoner of stepchildren
MO: Seduced female patients, then murdered their hus-DISPOSITION: Life sentence after guilty plea
bands for insurance; killed female plaintiff in a civil lawsuit filed against him with car bomb
Evans, David (1957–)
DISPOSITION: Five life terms + 60 years
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1977–88 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
Entratta, Charles (d. 1931)
Two suspected
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
MO: Rape-slayer of teenage girls
DATE(S): 1920s–31 VENUE: New York City VIC-
DISPOSITION: 30 years on plea bargain to

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TIMS: Five+
manslaughter, 1989
MO: Contract killer for JOHN DIAMOND in various gang wars

Evans, Donald Leroy (1957–99)
DISPOSITION: Murdered by rival gangsters, 1931
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1975–91 VENUE: USA VICTIMS: 60+

Erskine, Scott (1963–)
confessed
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: Rape-slayer of females, age 10 and up
DATE(S): 1989–93 VENUE: Fla./Calif. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Condemned in Miss. on one count,
Three confessed
1993; murdered in prison, Jan. 5, 1999
MO: Torture-slayer of two San Diego boys aged nine and 13; confessed the murder of a woman at Palm **Evans, Gary** (1955–98)
Beach, Florida, while imprisoned for those crimes SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DISPOSITION: Serving a 70-year term for rape in Cal-DATE(S): 1985–97 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: Five
ifornia when DNA linked him to child murders;
MO: Jewel thief; killed three accomplices and two rob-condemned on two counts, June 2, 2002; confessed bery victims
Florida slaying, August 2002
DISPOSITION: Died in leap from police van, attempting escape en route to trial, Aug. 14, 1998

Escamilla Gonzalez, Martin (?–)
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Evonitz, Richard Marc (1963–2002)
DATE(S): 1987–98 VENUE: Mexico/Tex. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: More than four
DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Md./Va. VICTIMS:
MO: Mexican national, convicted of murder in his Four confirmed
homeland; later killed his wife and two girlfriends in MO: Rape slayer of a 25-year-old woman in Baltimore Texas, dumping remains near his

home; some

and three girls aged 12–16 at Spotsylvania, Va.; also **341**

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raped a 15-year-old girl in Columbia, South Carolina; DISPOSITION: 99-year term on one count in Ark., other rapes and murders suspected in several states 1991; condemned on one count in Ohio, 1992;

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot following police charges filed on four counts in N.J. and Ore.

pursuit in Sarasota, Florida, on June 27, 2002; DNA and other evidence closed four murder cases

Fayne, Lorenzo (1971–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Ewen, Gunter Hermann (1962–1999)

DATE(S): 1989–93 VENUE: East St. Louis, Ill.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

VICTIMS: Five

specific

MO: Rape slayer of a six-year-old boy and four girls DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Germany/France VIC-aged 9–17; victims beaten, strangled, and stabbed, TIMS: Five

with evidence of necrophilia

MO: Shot five victims in Dillingen, Germany, and three DISPOSITION: Received life prison term for boy's in Sierck-les-Bains, France, killing 5; police blamed murder; condemned for killings of four girls, Nov.

the rampage on attempts to kill a prosecution wit-15, 2001

ness in a theft case

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot as police stormed **Feldman, Douglas Alan** (1958–)

his hotel room in Luxembourg on May 16, 1999

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. VICTIMS:

Ezerski, Adam Joseph (1982–)

Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

MO: Motorcyclist who shot three truck drivers, killing DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. VIC-two, in "road rage" incidents

TIMS: Two alleged

DISPOSITION: Condemned, Sept. 1, 1999

MO: Drifter linked to assaults on gay men, including **Feltner, Jeffrey Lynn** (1962–93)

two victims murdered in Florida and another who SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-“mercy”

survived in San Francisco

DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: Melrose, Fla. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty in one case, receiving 25

TIMS: Eight confessed

years for second-degree murder and 15 years for MO: Hospital nurse who smothered patients

robbery

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on two counts, receiving life term + 17 years, 1991; died of AIDS in prison, **Fain, Roger Eugene** (1954–)

Mar. 17, 1993

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Austin, Tex. VICTIMS:

Ferguson, Darrell Wayne (1978–) AKA: Gator Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-cult

MO: Rape-slayer of women

DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: East Dayton, Ohio

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1995

VICTIMS: 11

MO: Satanist who robbed and murdered three victims **Faludi, Timea** (1977–) AKA: Black Angel aged 61–69; in custody, confessed eight more slayings SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-“mercy”

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on three counts; con-DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: Budapest, Hungary

demned Sept. 12, 2003

VICTIMS: 30–35 confessed

MO: Nurse who admitted killing patients at Gyula **Ferguson, John Errol** (1948–)

Nyiro Hospital; charged with eight murders but SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

boasted of 30–35 at trial

DATE(S): 1977 VENUE: Dade County, Fla. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Despite murder confession in court, TIMS: Eight

received a nine-year sentence on reduced charges of MO: Massacred six victims (with two accomplices) in attempted murder, Dec. 1, 2002; also banned from home invasion; kidnapped/killed two teenagers

nursing for life

DISPOSITION: Condemned on eight counts, 1978

ACCOMPLICES: Marvin Francois executed May 29,

Fautenberry, John Joseph (1965–)

1995; Beauford J. White executed Aug. 28, 1987

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1982–91 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-

Ferrell, Jack Dempsey (1940–)

TIMS: Six+

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-argu-

MO: Cross-country trucker; killed robbery victims ment

DATE(S): 1981/92 VENUE: Orange County, Fla.

DATE(S): 1970s–1985 VENUE: Australia VIC-

VICTIMS: Two

TIMS: “Numerous”

MO: Shot women during arguments

MO: Freelance gangland contract killer active in Mel-DISPOSITION: 15 years to life, 1982 (paroled 1987); bourne and Sydney

condemned, 1993

DISPOSITION: Vanished on May 9, 1985; presumed murder victim

Field, Frederick Herbert Charles (1905–36) SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-Flegenheimer, Arthur (1902–35) AKA: Dutch Schultz specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1931/36 VENUE: London, England VIC-

DATE(S): 1921–35 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

TIMS: Two

“Numerous”

MO: Strangled women in their homes “because I

MO: Psychopathic racketeer; often killed in a rage; wanted to murder someone”

ordered more homicides during gang wars and
DISPOSITION: Hanged May 11, 1936
extortion campaigns
DISPOSITION: Murdered by rival mobsters, Oct. 29, **Figueroa, Danny** (1960–)
1935
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific
Fletcher, John Bill, Jr. (?–)
DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Riveriside County, Calif.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Yakima, Wash. VICTIMS:
MO: Retarded “thrill killer” of victims shot in random Two
snipings
MO: Serial rapist who fatally stabbed at least two vic-DISPOSITION: 66 years to life, 1987
tims
DISPOSITION: Serving a 46-year term for a rape in **Fisher, John King** (1854–84)
1986, when he confessed two slayings from 1987; SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
received a new life prison term
DATE(S): 1871–84 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Four+
MO: Outlaw-turned-lawman on Tex-Mex border
Flowers, John (1970–)
DISPOSITION: Killed in saloon ambush, March 1884
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific
Fitzsimmons, George Kearon Joseph (1937–) AKA: DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Las Vegas, Nev. VIC-Buffalo Ripper; Karate Chop Killer
TIMS: Two
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
MO: Kidnap-slayer of women picked at random
specific
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty but mentally ill on one DATE(S): 1969/73 VENUE: N.Y./Pa. VICTIMS:

count, receiving a life prison term on May 17, 2003; Four

police “misplaced” second victim’s body, resulting in MO: Killed parents (1969) and elderly caretakers dismissal of that case

(1973)

DISPOSITION: Ruled insane, 1969; released from asy-Floyd, Cecil Henry (?–)

lum 1973; two concurrent life terms, 1976

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1973–74 VENUE: Kans./Nev./Ind./Fla.

Flanagan, Sean (1961–89)

VICTIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Shot robbery victims

specific

DISPOSITION: Life terms in Ind. and Nev. (one count DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Las Vegas, Nev. VIC-each); pled guilty on third count in Kans.

TIMS: Two

MO: Gay hustler; killed other gay men to “help soci-Floyd, Charles (?–)

ety”

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Executed June 23, 1989

DATE(S): 1942–48 VENUE: Tulsa, Okla. VIC-

TIMS: Five to six

Flannery, Christopher (d. 1985) AKA: Mr. Rent-a-MO: Voyeur rape-slayer of redhaired females attacked Kill

in homes; authorities counted death of a nine-month SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

pregnant victim as a double murder

DISPOSITION: Declared insane; committed to asylum, MO:Abortionist and murderer; three corpses and 1949

“dozens” of bones found in her home

DISPOSITION: five years for manslaughter, 1875

Floyd, Charles Arthur (1904–34) AKA: Pretty Boy SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

Fotopolous, Konstantino X. (1959–)
DATE(S): 1926–34 VENUE: Okla./Mo./Ohio VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
TIMS: Seven+
DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Volusia County, Fla. VIC-
MO: Career criminal; shot lawmen to avoid arrest; TIMS: Two
allegedly killed at least three men from personal MO: Greek national; killed burglary victims
spite
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts + life terms DISPOSITION: Killed by FBI agents in Ohio, Oct. 22, on five related felonies
1934
Fox, Richard E. (1956–)
Floyd, John (1949–) AKA: Crazy Johnny
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1983/89 VENUE: Bowling Green, Ohio
DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: New Orleans, La. VIC-
VICTIMS: Two suspected
TIMS: Two
MO: Wife smothered: teenage girl kidnapped/murdered MO: Violent alcoholic/addict; stabbed men in fits of DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1990
rage
DISPOSITION: Life term with 40-year minimum on **Frampton, Morris John** (?–)
one count, 1982
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: 2 MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1977 VENUE: Seattle, Wash. VICTIMS:
Folbigg, Kathleen (1967–)
Two alleged
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
MO: Beat female prostitutes
cific
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one murder count,
DATE(S): 1989–99 VENUE: Newcastle, Australia
with prison time for two nonlethal assaults; death VICTIMS: Four

sentence commuted on appeal, 1981

MO: Mother who suffocated her young children at her home

Francois, Kendall (1971–)

DISPOSITION: Convicted on three murder counts and SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

one count manslaughter; received a 40-year prison DATE(S): 1996–98 VENUE: Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

term with 30 years minimum, Oct. 24, 2003

VICTIMS: Eight

Fornuto, Debbie (d. 2002)

MO: HIV-positive slayer who murdered drug-addicted SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

female prostitutes and hid their bodies at the home DATE(S): 1972–87 VENUE: Cook County, Ill. VIC-he shared with his parents and sister

TIMS: Seven suspected

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on 17 felony counts, MO: Accused of killing her ex-husband and six of her June 21, 2000; received eight consecutive terms of children, the latter deaths staged as SIDS

25 years to life, plus 18 months for assault on a sur-DISPOSITION: Died in a car crash on July 11, 2002, viving victim, Aug. 9, 2000

in Las Vegas, Nev.

Franqui, Leonardo (1970–)

Forrest, Warren (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Dade Company, Fla.

DATE(S): 1972–75 VENUE: Vancouver, Wash.

VICTIMS: Two

VICTIMS: Seven suspected

MO: Italian national; killed robbery victims

MO: Rape-slayer of women

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1993; con-DISPOSITION: Found guilty but mentally ill on one demned on second count with three life terms + 80

count; confined to mental institution

years on lesser charges, 1994

Fortmeyer, Julia (?–?)

Fraser, Leonard John (1952–)
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1870s VENUE: St. Louis, Mo. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Rockhampton, Australia
Four+
VICTIMS: Five

MO: Rape-slayer of three women and a nine-year-old **French, James** (d. 1966)
girl
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
DISPOSITION: Served 19 years on two convictions for specific
rape and attempted rape; received indefinite term for DATE(S): 1958 VENUE: Stroud, Okla. VICTIMS:
murder of nine-year-old girl; life term with 30-year Two
minimum imposed for three murders of women,
MO: Violent drifter who killed a motorist he met while June 12, 2000; life term for a fourth woman's mur-hitchhiking; later killed cellmate while awaiting trial der, Sept. 7, 2000
for first slaying
DISPOSITION: Executed on Aug. 10, 1966
Frasson, Renato (?–) AKA: Caretaker of Vincenza SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Frost, Samuel (d. 1793)
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Vincenza, Italy VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
TIMS: Two
specific
MO: "Ripper" of women; victims sexually mutilated DATE(S): 1783/93 VENUE: Princeton, Mass. VIC-DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown
TIMS: Two
MO: Drove stake through father's head; killed landlord **Fratianno, Aladena** (1913–) AKA: Jimmy the with hoe
Weasel

DISPOSITION: Hanged, Oct. 1793
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1930s–50s VENUE: Ohio/Calif./Nev.

F., Timea (1977–) AKA: Black Angel
VICTIMS: 11+ suspected
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC
MO: Mafia contract killer
DATE(S): 1994–2001 VENUE: Budapest, Hungary
DISPOSITION: Admitted nine murders on entry to VICTIMS: 21
federal witness program, 1970
MO: Nurse who admitted killing patients at Gyula Nyiroe Hospital with tranquilizer injections; also **Frederick, Earl Alexander** (1951–2002)
claimed victims at a clinic in the Netherlands SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-DISPOSITION: Unknown
specific
DATE(S): 1970s–1980s VENUE: Oklahoma VIC-

Fuchs, Franz (?–)
TIMS: More than two
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-
MO: Confessed the beating to death of a 41-year-old extremist
man at Noble and the shotgun slaying of a 77-year-DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Austria VICTIMS: Four
old woman at Texline, blaming the crimes on multi-MO: White supremacist who killed four persons and ple personality disorder; some accounts claim up to wounded 12 with 29 letter and pipe bombs targeting 16 suspected murders
ethnic minorities
DISPOSITION: Executed on July 30, 2002
DISPOSITION: Life prison term imposed, March 10, 1999

Freeman, John Dwayne (1962–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Fyfe, William Patrick (1955–)
DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Duval County, Fla. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1979–89 VENUE: Montreal, Quebec
MO: Beat/stabbed burglary victims

VICTIMS: Nine confessed

DISPOSITION: Life term plus 34 years on one count, MO: Rape-slayer of women aged 26–59, who killed his 1987; condemned, 1988

first victim while on a day pass from jail

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to five murders commit-Freeney, Ray MacArthur (1973–)

ted since 1981, receiving a life prison term in Sep-SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

tember 2001; subsequently confessed four more

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS:

slayings; no further charges filed

Two

MO: Diagnosed schizophrenic in 1995; confessed sexu-Gabrion, Marvin Charles, II (1954–)

ally motivated stabbings of five prostitutes, includ-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-felony

ing two fatalities

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Ottawa County, Mich.

DISPOSITION: Condemned on Aug. 28, 2003

VICTIMS: Four alleged

MO: Raped an 18-year-old woman in August 1996, DATE(S): 1572 VENUE: Dôle, France VICTIMS:

then killed the victim and her 11-month-old daugh-Four confessed

ter in June 1997, after she filed charges; following MO: “Werewolf” cannibal-killer of children

arrest, Gabrion was named prime suspect in the DISPOSITION: Burned at the stake, Jan. 1573

murders of three men

DISPOSITION: Condemned in federal court, on March **Garr, Kevin George** (1964–)

5, 2002, for killing one victim in a national park SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1989/91 VENUE: Madison/Orange Coun-

Galan, Alfredo (1977–) AKA: Playing Card Killer ties, Va. VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Women aged 46 and 66 abducted from parking specific

lots

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Madrid, Spain VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count in Madison Nine

County, second-degree murder

MO: Ex-soldier and mental patient, shot 11 victims, aged 18–50, in random attacks, killing nine; left **Garrison, Wayne Henry** (1959–)

playing cards on victims' bodies

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Surrendered on July 3, 2003, and con-DATE(S): 1973–89 VENUE: Tulsa, Okla. VIC-

fessed a compulsion to kill; admitted eight shoot-TIMS: Three

ings; ballistics matched his weapon to three other MO: Strangled his four-year-old cousin at age 13; slayings; disposition unknown

killed a three-year-old boy while on furlough from a psychiatric hospital, 1975; strangled and dismem-Gallego, Gerald Albert (d. 1955)

bered a 13-year-old boy in 1989

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Committed to asylum after first mur-DATE(S): 1954 VENUE: Jackson County, Miss.

der; pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter after VICTIMS: Two

second killing, sentenced to four years; released in MO: Cop-hating father of GERALD ARMAND GALLEGO; 1977; received three and a half-year sentence in murdered lawmen out of spite for a previous beating 1997, for drugging and kidnapping a 15-year-old by police

victim in North Carolina; condemned for his third DISPOSITION: Executed Mar. 3, 1955

murder, Dec. 19, 2001

Gamper, Ferdinand (d. 1996) AKA: Monster of Mer-Garrow, Robert F. (1937–78)

ano

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

specific

DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: Four

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Merano, Italy VICTIMS:

MO: Stabbed/bludgeoned two men and two women

Six

DISPOSITION: 25 years to life on one count, 1974; MO: Shepherd who shot five victims in random attacks shot dead in prison break Sept. 11, 1978

and killed policeman while resisting arrest

DISPOSITION: Suicide during police shoot-out, Mar.

Garza, Juan Raul (1957–2001)

1, 1996

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Brownsville, Tex. VIC-

Garcia, Guinevere Falakassa (1959–)

TIMS: Three

SEX: F RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domestic

MO: Shot male associates in the narcotics trade DATE(S): 1977/91 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS: DISPOSITION: Executed on June 19, 2001

Two

MO: Killed her daughter (1977) and elderly husband **Garza Hoth, Gabriel** (?–) AKA: Black Widower (1991)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DISPOSITION: 20 years on guilty plea to daughter's DATE(S): 1991–97 VENUE: Mexico City VIC-death, 1982 (paroled 1991); condemned, 1992

TIMS: Three

(commuted to life)

MO: Profit motivated killer who collected life insurance payments on his wife and lovers

Garnier, Gilles (d. 1573)

DISPOSITION: Life prison term and a $2,200 fine SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-imposed on Nov. 10, 2000, for the murder 1997 of specific

a girlfriend he insured for $400,000

Gaskin, Louis Bernard (1967–)

Genrich, Jimmy (1961–) AKA: Mad Bomber SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATE(S): 1986/89 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Seven

specific

MO: Killed robber/ burglar victims in Flagler and DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Grand Junction, Colo.

Volusia counties

VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Multiple trials in 1990; condemned on MO: Serial bomber of random targets

four counts; life terms on three counts; six life terms DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1992

for robbery/burglary

Georges, Guy (1962–) AKA: Beast of the Bastille; **Gasser, John R.** (?–)

East Paris Killer

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE-

DATE(S): 1948/1982 VENUE: Washington State

felony

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1991–97 VENUE: Paris, France VIC-

MO: Rape-strangler of women aged 22 and 49

TIMS: Seven

DISPOSITION: Imprisoned for first crime as a college MO: Raped, robbed and slashed throats of 11 young student, 1948–62, 1964–69; received life term for women, killing seven

second murder

DISPOSITION: Confessed murders at trial; received a life term with 22-year minimum, April 5, 2001

Gates, Anne (1949–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Geralds, Hubert, Jr. (1964–)

DATE(S): 1978/87 VENUE: Ind./La. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Two suspected

DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:

MO: “Black widow” slayer of husbands for profit Six

DISPOSITION: Pled “no contest” on one count in La., MO: Slayer of drug-addicted prostitutes

1989; received $25,000 from victim’s estate, 1992

DISPOSITION: Convicted Nov. 13, 1997

Gaynor, Alfred (1967–)

Ghanam, Mohamed Elsayed (1964–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Springfield, Mass.

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Bangkok, Thailand

VICTIMS: Four

VICTIMS: Six

MO: Rape-slayer of drug-addicted black women lured MO: Unlicensed tour guide who stabbed and robbed with cocaine

foreign male tourists aged 32–64

DISPOSITION: Received four consecutive life terms, DISPOSITION: Unknown

May 19, 2000

Giancana, Sam (1908–75) AKA: Momo

Geary, Melvin (1931–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC

DATE(S): 1925–57 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

DATE(S): 1973/92 VENUE: Nev. VICTIMS: Two

TIMS:“Numerous”

MO: Stabbed 38-year-old woman and a 71-year-old MO: Mafia hit man before he assumed leadership of man

the Chicago “family,” three victims known before DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1973 (paroled age 20; ordered at least 79 murders, 1957–66

1986); condemned on second count

DISPOSITION: Murdered at home, June 19, 1975

Geist, Joseph (1956–)

Gibaldi, Vincenzo (1903–36) AKA: “Machine Gun”

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

Jack McGurn

extremist

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1933–51 VENUE: Ill./N.Y. VICTIMS:
Two
22+
MO: Neo-Nazi cab driver; shot adult male victims at MO: Contract killer for ALPHONSE CAPONE gang;
random
prime suspect in 1929 St. Valentine's Day massacre DISPOSITION: 65 years on one count, 1989; 18 years DISPOSITION: Murdered Feb. 14, 1936
for attempted murder of victim who survived, 1990; condemned on second count, 1991 (commuted to
Gibbs, Charles (1800–31)
life on appeal, 1992)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): c. 1820–30 VENUE: At sea VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1926–34 VENUE: Ill./Minn./Calif.?/Wash.?
400 claimed
VICTIMS: Four+
MO: Sea-going pirate; signed on as crewman of small MO: Career criminal and alleged part-time hit man; vessels, then murdered other crewmen and stole car-confirmed victims killed during robberies or
goes
shootouts with lawmen
DISPOSITION: Hanged in N.Y., Apr. 22, 1831
DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with FBI agents, Nove. 27, 1934
Gibbs, Janie Lou (1932–)
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
Gilmore, Gary Mark (1940–77)
DATE(S): 1966–67 VENUE: Cordele, Ga. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
TIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Salt Lake City, Utah VIC-
MO: "Black widow" poisoner of husband, children, TIMS: Two

and grandchild, killed for life insurance

MO: Executed male victims in petty robberies

DISPOSITION: Committed to asylum, 1968; deemed DISPOSITION: Executed by firing squad, Jan. 17, competent for trial in 1974; five consecutive life 1977

terms, 1976

Girard, Henri (1875–1921)

Gibson, Gregory (1978–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1912/1918 VENUE: Paris, France VIC-

DATE(S): 1992/98 VENUE: Durham, N.C. VIC-

TIMS: Two

TIMS: Two

MO: Poisoned acquaintances for life insurance

MO: Killed robbery victims, one of them a 90-year-old DISPOSITION: Suicide in jail, awaiting trial, May 1921

man

DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count in juvenile **Giri, Laxman** (1911–80)

court, 1992; confined until age 18 (1996); jailhouse SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-suicide by hanging, Nov. 13, 1998

cific

DATE(S): 1970s VENUE: India VICTIMS: “Several”

Gilbert, Kristen (1966–) AKA: Angel of Death MO: Cult leader; sacrificed children to make followers SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-immortal

cific

DISPOSITION: Died in jail, Mar. 5, 1980

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Northampton, Mass.

VICTIMS: Four

Girts, Robert (1953–)

MO: Thrill-killing nurse who used drugs to kill SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-patients at a veterans’ hospital; two of six known domestic

victims survived

DATE(S): 1977–92 VENUE: Ohio VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Convicted on three counts first-degree suspected

murder, one count second-degree, and two counts MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of wives

attempted murder; received four consecutive life DISPOSITION: 20 years to life on one count, 1993

terms without parole plus 20 years on lesser charges, March 26, 2001

Giudice, Giancarlo (1953–) AKA: Devil of Turin SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Giles, Bernard E. (1953–)

DATE(S): 1984–87 VENUE: Turin, Italy VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Seven

DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Brevard County, Fla. VIC-

MO: Torture-slayer of prostitutes

TIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1987

MO: Necrophile slayer of female victims

DISPOSITION: Life terms on three counts, 1974; life **Giugliano, Maurizio** (?–) AKA: Monster of Rome term on fourth count + 15 years on lesser felonies, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC

1977

DATE(S): 1983–84/92 VENUE: Rome, Italy VIC-

TIMS: Eight

Gillis, Lester M. (1908–34) AKA: George (“Baby MO: Strangled/stabbed/shot women; smothered cell-Face”) Nelson

mate with pillow after capture

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Confined to lunatic asylum, 1984

Glanton, John Joel (1815–50)

MO: Career criminal and contract killer; possible parSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

ticipant in 1929 St. Valentine’s Day massacre

DATE(S): 1841–50 VENUE: Tex./Mexico VIC-

DISPOSITION: Murdered by BARKER-KARPIS GANG,

TIMS: 100+

Mar. 22, 1934

MO: Ex-convict and gunman for hire; later led scalp-hunting gang that often murdered Mexicans and

Goldstein, Martin (?–1941) AKA: Buggsy

sold their hair as “Apache” scalps

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Killed by Indians, with most of his DATE(S): 1930s–40 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

gang, Apr. 1850

30+

MO: Contract killer for “MURDER, INC.”

Glatman, Harvey Murray (1928–59)

DISPOSITION: Executed at Sing Sing, June 12, 1941

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1957–58 VENUE: South Calif. VIC-

Golovkin, Anatoly (?–)

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

MO: Rape-murders of young women

DATE(S): 1986–94 VENUE: Moscow, Russia VIC-

DISPOSITION: Executed Sept. 18, 1959

TIMS: 11

MO: “Straightforward maniac” who killed boys

Glaze, Billy Richard (1953–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1994

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Minneapolis, Minn.

Gomez, Lloyd (d. 1953)

VICTIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Bludgeon slayer of Native American women

DATE(S): 1949–51 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS: Nine

MO: Killed/robbed hoboes

DISPOSITION: Life term with 50-year minimum, 1989

DISPOSITION: Executed Oct. 17, 1953

Glover, John Wayne (1932–) AKA: Granny Killer **Goodin, Anthony J.** (1965–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Sydney, Australia VIC-
DATE(S): 1982–87 VENUE: Okla./Ala./Ga./Fla.
TIMS: Six
VICTIMS: Seven suspected
MO: Bludgeoned elderly women with hammers in pub-MO: Drifter linked to random murders; three identified lic places, then strangled them with their own under-victims were male, including two gays
wear
DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count in Ga., DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty in November 1991 and 1988
received a life prison term

Gore, Marshall Lee (1963–)

Goble, Sean Patrick (1967–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1980s–95 VENUE: Southern U.S. VIC-
MO: Killed robber/kidnap victims in Columbia and TIMS: “Dozens” suspected
Dade Countries; child victim raped
MO: Long-haul trucker; rape-slayer of women
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1990 and DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms in Tenn., 1995; seven life terms + 110 years on other felony 1995
counts.

Goebbels, Peter (1961–)

Gorobets, Paval (?–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Berlin, Germany VIC-
specific
TIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
MO: Rape-slayer of females age 17–22
VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1985

MO: Killed a male tenant and his own girlfriend, dismembering and cannibalizing their bodies

Goetz, Fred (1897–1934)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on March 5, 1999

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1920s–34 VENUE: Midwestern U.S.

Gorton, Jeffrey W. (?–)

VICTIMS: 12+

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1986/1991 VENUE: Eastern Michigan

Graham, William Brocius (1857–82) AKA: Curly Bill VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Rape-slayer of women in Flint and Wayne

DATE(S): 1870s–82 VENUE: Mexico/Ariz. VIC-

County

TIMS: “Numerous”

DISPOSITION: Three life terms in Wayne County, MO: Old West outlaw and feudist

August 2002; pleaded guilty in Flint on second DISPOSITION: Killed by WYATT EARP, Mar. 24, 1882

count, 2003

Grant, Gary G. (?–)

Goss, Dean Neel (1936–92)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC-

specific

domestic

DATE(S): 1971 VENUE: Renton, Wash. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1982–85 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VIC-

Four

TIMS: Three suspected

MO: U.S. Navy enlistee who stabbed/strangled two six-MO:Alleged “Bluebeard” slayer of two wives and male year-old boys and two teenage

girls, all dumped in employee
woods near his home
DISPOSITION: Shot dead in disputed circumstances, DISPOSITION: Life prison term
Nov. 1992
Grant, Sam (d. 1876)
Gossman, Klaus (1941–)
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
DATE(S): 1870s VENUE: Western U.S. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1960–64 VENUE: Nuremburg, Germany
"Numerous"
VICTIMS: Six
MO: Hired killer and scalp hunter
MO: Self-proclaimed "death's agent"; shot victims in DISPOSITION: Killed by JOHN JOHNSTON, 1876
holdups and random street attacks
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1965
Granviel, Kenneth (1950–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
Gottfried, Gessina Margaretha (1798–1828)
DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Four
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-
MO: Stabbed two women and two children in random tic/CE attacks
DATE(S): 1822–25 VENUE: Bremen, Germany
DISPOSITION: Executed Feb. 27, 1996
VICTIMS: 16 confessed
MO: "Black widow" poisoner of relatives and acquaintances
Grasso, Thomas Joseph (1962–95)
DISPOSITION: Beheaded, 1828
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-specific
Grace, James Willie (1946–)
DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Okla. N.Y. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

Two
specific
MO: “Thrill killer” of 87-year-old woman (Okla.) and DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Durham, N.C. VICTIMS:
84-year-old man (N.Y.)
More than two suspected
DISPOSITION: Executed in Okla., Mar. 20, 1995
MO: Schizophrenic sniper; shot men in random attacks DISPOSITION: Three consecutive 10-year terms for **Gravano, Salvatore** (1945–) AKA: Sammy the Bull attempted murder and assault with deadly weapon, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
1977 (released 1993)
DATE(S): 1970–90 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VIC-
TIMS:19–36 admitted
Graham, Harrison (1959–)
MO: Mafia “enforcer” and hit man
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Granted immunity in return for testi-DATE(S): 1983–87 VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa. VIC-
mony, 1990; 19-year sentence for drug offenses, TIMS: Seven
Oct. 30, 2002
MO: Retarded addict; strangled prostitutes and kept the remains in his apartment
Gray, Dana Sue (1958–)
DISPOSITION: Convicted on all counts, 1988: life SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
term followed by six death penalties (to prevent DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Riverside County, Calif.
parole)
VICTIMS: Three

MO: Ex-nurse; robbed/strangled women aged 66–87; MO: Killed female prostitute (1971) and male stranger one victim also stabbed
(1990)
DISPOSITION: Life term without parole, 1998
DISPOSITION: Life term, 1971 (paroled 1989); life term, 1991

Gray, Josephine (1946–) AKA: Black Widow SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

Green, Ricky Lee (1960–97)

DATE(S): 1974–96 VENUE: Maryland VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Three alleged

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Fort Worth, Tex. VIC-

MO: Named by police and prosecutors as the slayer of TIMS: Four

two husbands and a cousin-lover, shot for life insur-MO:Bisexual torture-slayer of two men and two women ance payments

DISPOSITION: Executed Oct. 9, 1997

DISPOSITION: Charged with murders of both hus-

bands in 1991, charges dismissed when witnesses **Green, Samuel** (d. 1822)

vanished or recanted testimony; convicted of mail SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

fraud in federal court, August 2002; received the DATE(S): 19th century VENUE: New England VIC-maximum 40-year sentence on Dec. 2, 2002, with TIMS: “Numerous”

an order to repay $170,000 in life insurance proMO: Career criminal; killed rape and robbery victims ceeds

DISPOSITION: Hanged in Mass., Apr. 1822

Gray, Marvin (1955–)

Greenawalt, Randy (1949–97)

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1980s–1993 VENUE: Denver, Colo. VIC-

DATE(S): 1973–74/78 VENUE: Ariz./Colo. VIC-

TIMS: 23 confessed

TIMS: Nine suspected

MO: Random slayer of victims in personal confronta-MO: Shot sleeping truckers for personal amusement; tions

helped TISON family kill five victims after prison DISPOSITION: Received life sentence as habitual crim-break

inal in 1993, for a 1992 armed robbery; received life DISPOSITION: Life term for death of one trucker, term with 30 years minimum in 2000, for a 1984

1974 (escaped 1978); condemned, 1979; executed in murder; confessed 23 murders in court, June 2001, Ariz. Jan. 23, 1997

while on trial for a second murder; convicted and received two more life terms, June 6, 2001

Greenberg, Bertram (d. 1971)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE-

Gray, Ronald Adrian (1966–)

felony

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1971 VENUE: Calif./Ariz. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Fayetteville, N.C. VIC-Three

TIMS: Four

MO: Raped/strangled woman; shot policemen during MO: Soldier at Fort Bragg; rape-slayer of women age manhunt

18–24

DISPOSITION: Killed running police roadblock in N.

DISPOSITION: Three consecutive life terms after Mex.

guilty plea, 1987; condemned by military court-martial, 1988

Greeson, Lloyd Donald, Jr. (1924–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Green, Cleo Joel, III (1958–) AKA: Red Demon DATE(S): 1964 VENUE: Fla./Pa. VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Robbed/murdered women age 37 and 44

DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: Louisville, Ky. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: 20 years on one count of second

Three

degree in Fla., 1964

MO: “Possessed” home-invader; rape-slayer of elderly women

Grenier, Jean (?–?)

DISPOSITION: Ruled incompetent for trial, 1984

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Green, Malcolm (1946–)

DATE(S): 1603 VENUE: Landes, France VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

“Several”

specific
MO: Deranged “werewolf” slayer of children
DATE(S): 1971/90 VENUE: Wales VICTIMS: Two
DISPOSITION: Confined to monastery for life, 1603

Gribble, Timothy Lane (1964–2000)
Gross, Dr. Heinrich (1916–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-
DATE(S): 1985–87 VENUE: Galveston, Tex. VIC-
extremist
TIMS: Three confessed
DATE(S): 1930s VENUE: Austria VICTIMS: More
MO: Rape-slayer of women aged 23–36
than nine
DISPOSITION: Executed on one count, March 15,
MO: Nazi physician who killed “defective” children 2000
under state euthanasia program
DISPOSITION: Murder trial aborted on March 2,
Grieveson, Steven (1970–)
2000, due to defendant’s advanced senile dementia SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1993–94 VENUE: Sunderland, England
Grossmann, Georg Karl (1863–1921)
VICTIMS: Three
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex./CE
MO: Repressed homosexual who raped, murdered, and DATE(S): 1910–21 VENUE: Berlin, Germany VIC-burned three teenage male students from the same TIMS: 50+ suspected
school in separate incidents
MO: Paroled pedophile and child killer; murdered DISPOSITION: Received three life prison terms, Feb.
prostitutes after sex and sold their flesh in his 28, 1996
butcher shop
DISPOSITION: Jailhouse suicide by hanging

Grills, Caroline (1885–?) AKA: Aunt Thally SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

Groves, Vincent Darrell (1953–)

DATE(S): 1947–48 VENUE: Sydney, Australia VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

TIMS: Four

DATE(S): 1973–81/88 VENUE: Denver, Colo. VIC-

MO: "Black widow" poisoner of relatives (with thal-TIMS: 14 suspected

lium)

MO: Rape-slayer of street prostitutes

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1949

DISPOSITION: 12 years on one count, 1982 (paroled 1987); life term, 1989; 20 years on plea to third **Grimson, Allan** (1958–)

count, 1990; died in prison, Oct. 31, 1996

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: England and at sea VIC-

Guatney, William (1922–) AKA: Freight Train TIMS: More than three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Royal Navy seaman who killed shipmates and a specific

bartender

DISPOSITION: Once investigated in the disappear-DATE(S): 1975–79 VENUE: Nebr./Kans./Ill. VIC-

ances of 20 sailors worldwide, Grimson confessed TIMS: Five suspected

the murders of one shipmate and a British bartender MO: Transient linked to murder to boys age nine to 13

in 2001, receiving a life prison term; prime suspect DISPOSITION: Ruled incompetent for trial, 1980; in the disappearance of another shipmate at Gibral-murder confessions suppressed; committed to mentar, 1986

tal institution

Grinder, James B. (1945–)

Guerrero, Francisco (?–?) AKA: Slitter of Women's SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Throats

DATE(S): 1976–84 VENUE: Ark./Mo. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Four

DATE(S): 1880s VENUE: Mexico VICTIMS: "Sev-

MO: Rape-slayer of females in their teens and twenties eral"

DISPOSITION: Life sentence after guilty plea to one MO: Mutilation-slayer of women

count in Missouri, June 1999; admits sexual contact DISPOSITION: Executed, date unknown

with two Arkansas victims

Gufler, Max (1910–)

Grissom, Richard (1960–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1946–58 VENUE: Austria VICTIMS: 18

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Kansas City, Mo. VIC-

suspected

TIMS: Three

MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of wives/fiancées

MO: Rape-slayer of young women abducted from homes DISPOSITION: Confessed four murders; life sentence, DISPOSITION: three consecutive life terms

May 1961

Guimaraes, Edson Isadora (1957–) AKA: Angel of DATE(S): 1916–21 VENUE: Okla./Ariz. VICTIMS:

Death

Three

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-"mercy"

MO: Killed a sheriff (Okla.) and married couple DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Ariz.); several rapes

VICTIMS: 150 suspected

DISPOSITION: 99 years (Okla.), 1916; escaped 1921; MO: Male nurse accused of killing patients in ICU at hanged Apr. 13, 1923

Salgado Filho Hospital by turning off their oxygen supplies; 131 died in his care between Jan. 1 and **Hahn, Anna Marie** (1906–38)

May 4, 1999, with unspecified others during 1998

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-inheri-

DISPOSITION: Unknown

tance

DATE(S): 1932–37 VENUE: Ohio/Colo. VICTIMS:

Gunning, James D. (1971–)

Five

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Self-styled nurse and “black widow” poisoner of DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Eastern United States

elderly men

VICTIMS: 10 suspected

DISPOSITION: Executed in Ohio June 20, 1938

MO: Jailed for attempted murder of three New Jersey women, suspected of raping and strangling 10

Haigh, Paul Steven (1957–)

women in three states

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on one murder count DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Victoria, Australia

and received a 17-year sentence with 14 years mini-VICTIMS: Seven

mum, March 28, 2003

MO: Slayer of young women; stabbed one victim 157

times; attended funerals of four victims as a

Gurino, Vito (1907–?) AKA: Socko; Chicken Head mourner

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Seven consecutive life terms

DATE(S): 1931–40 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

Eight+

Halabi, Mohammed (1957–) AKA: Tel Aviv Stran-MO:Contract killer for “MURDER, INC.”

gler

DISPOSITION: 80 years to life on three counts, 1940; SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extremist

died in prison

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Tel Aviv/Jaffa, Israel VICTIMS: Seven

Gurule, Raymond Anthony (1958)

MO: Palestinian strangler of four Jews and three Israeli SEX: M RACE: NA TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Arabs
DATE(S): 1982/84 VENUE: Redwood City, Calif.
DISPOSITION: Confessed all counts; sentence
VICTIMS: Two
unknown
MO: Killed 15-year-old boy and 81-year-old woman DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1990

Hall, Archibald Thompson (1924–) AKA: Monster Butler
Guy, Martin G. (1962–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1978 VENUE: Scotland/England VIC-
DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Norfolk County, Mass.
TIMS: Five
VICTIMS: Three suspected
MO: Robbed/murdered employers and a criminal
MO: Prime suspect in stabbings of women aged 25–82
accomplice
DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one murder count DISPOSITION: Two life terms, 1978

Guzman, James (1964–)
Hall, Dewain (1964–90)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1982/91 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Oakland, Calif. VICTIMS:
MO: Killed robbery/kidnap victims in Dade and Volu-Two
sia counties
MO: Shot female prostitutes
DISPOSITION: 30 years on one count, 1982 (paroled DISPOSITION: Jailhouse suicide by drowning, Nov.
1991); condemned + life term for armed robbery, 1996
23, 1990

Hadley, Paul (d. 1923) AKA: The Claw
Hall, James Waybern (1906–46) AKA: Big Jim SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1944–45 VENUE: Ark. VICTIMS: Four

Harding, Donald Eugene (1949–92)

MO: Murdered his wife, followed by three men in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
apparent robberies
DATE(S): 1882 VENUE: Ark./Tex./Calif./Ariz. VIC-DISPOSITION: Executed Jan. 4, 1946
TIMS: Seven

MO: Robbed/murdered victims in cross-country ram-Hanaei, Saeed (1963–2002)
page
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extrem-
DISPOSITION: Condemned on three counts in Ariz.; ist
executed Apr. 6, 1992
DATE(S): 2000–02 VENUE: Mashhad, Iran VIC-
TIMS: 16–19

Hardy, Anthony John (1949–) AKA: Camden Rip-MO: Strangled female prostitutes aged 25–50, with per
their own headscarves; killed "for the sake of God"
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
to "purify" Muslim society
specific
DISPOSITION: Hanged on 16 counts, April 17, 2002
DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: London, England VIC-
TIMS: Three

Hand, Gerald (1949–)

MO: Mental patient who killed a female prostitute in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
his apartment, then beheaded two more women in DATE(S): 1976–2002 VENUE: Ohio VICTIMS:
separate attacks; heads still missing
Four
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on three murder counts; MO: Murdered three wives for insurance money; also received three life prison terms, Nov. 25, 2003

shot his alleged accomplice in the first two slayings DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, June 4,

Harper, Robert (?–)

2003, for killing his third wife and a male acquain-SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

tance in 2002

DATE(S): 1931 VENUE: Mich. VICTIMS: Five

MO: Escaped convict (murder); killed two victims **Hankins, Terry Lee** (1975–)

while at large; murdered warden and deputy warden SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

after recapture

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Arlington, Tex. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Condemned

Five confessed

MO: Shot his wife and two stepchildren; in custody, **Harrington, Paul L.** (1946–)

confessed the earlier bludgeon murders of his father SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-and half-sister

specific

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts of killing DATE(S): 1975/1999 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VIChis stepchildren, May 2002

TIMS: Five

MO: Shot his wife and two daughters, 1975; shot sec-Hanson, William P. (1949–) AKA: Paper Bag Killer ond wife and his three-month-old son, 1999

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

DISPOSITION: Acquitted on grounds on insanity in revenge

first case, 1977; released from asylum after two DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: San Francisco, Calif. VIC-months' treatment; received life term without parole TIMS: Two

in second case, Nov. 2, 2000

MO: Shots/stabbed middle-aged men resembling his sister's rapist

Harris, Dewayne Lee (1971–) AKA: Khalil Iman DISPOSITION: Declared insane, 1974; confined to Muhammad

state hospital

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Seattle, Wash. VIC-

Hardin, John Wesley (1853–95)

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

MO: Strangler of female prostitutes who were bound, DATE(S): 1868–78 VENUE: Tex./Kans. VICTIMS:

gagged with their own underwear, and dumped in 40+

vacant lots

MO: Racist gunfighter; killed blacks, Mexicans, Indi-DISPOSITION: Life prison term on one count

ans, Union soldiers, and personal enemies

DISPOSITION: 25 years for murder, 1878 (paroled **Harris, Ralph** (1972–)

1894); murdered by JOHN SELMAN, Aug. 19, 1895

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

Hawkins, Thomas W., Jr. (1964–)

TIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

MO: Drug addict who robbed and killed elderly men, cific

raped women

DATE(S): 1980/89 VENUE: Berks County, Pa. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, March 24, TIMS: Three suspected

1999; also received 75 years in prison for attempted MO: Rape-slayer of girlfriend (1980) and other women murder and robbery of a second victim

(1989)

DISPOSITION: Six to 15 years as juvenile, 1980; con-Harris, Richard Eugene (?–)

demned, 1990

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1970s–80s VENUE: Tulsa, Okla. VIC-

Hayes, Daryl (1960–)

TIMS: Three suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Gay slayer of men; victims shot/stabbed

DATE(S): 1975–76 VENUE: Bergen County, N.J.

DISPOSITION: Served five years for manslaughter on VICTIMS: Two

first killing; 10 years to life for slaying committed MO: Rape-slayer of women age 36 and 62 in their two years after parole

homes

DISPOSITION: Life on one murder count plus 37

Harris, Robert Alton (1953–)

years for rape, 1978

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1975/78 VENUE: San Diego County, Calif.

Haynes, Jonathan Preston (1953–)

VICTIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

MO: Killed brother's teenage roommate; robbed/shot extremist

DATE(S): 1987–93 VENUE: Calif./Ill. VICTIMS:

two teens

Two

DISPOSITION: Five years for manslaughter, 1973

MO: Shot beautician and surgeon for "helping blacks (paroled 1978); executed on two counts, Apr. 21, look white"

1992

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Ill., 1994

Harrison, Lester (1933–)

Heath, Neville George Clevely (1917–46) SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1951/1970–73 VENUE: Menard/Chicago,

DATE(S): 1946 VENUE: London/Bournemouth, Eng-

Ill. VICTIMS: Seven

land VICTIMS: Two

MO: Murdered fellow prison inmate, 1951; killed MO: Torture-slayer of women age 21 and 32

women in/around Grant Park; mutilations included DISPOSITION: Hanged Oct. 16, 1946

cannibalism

DISPOSITION: Incompetent for trial, 1951; acquitted **Heath, Ronald Palmer** (1961–)

as insane in 1978, but confined indefinitely as sexual SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

predator

DATE(S): 1977/89 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Murdered victims in Duval and Alachua counties **Hatcher, Charles Ray** (1929–84)

DISPOSITION: 30 years, 1977 (paroled 1988); conSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

demned, 1990

DATE(S): 1978–82 VENUE: Mo./Ill./Calif. VIC-

TIMS: 16 confessed

Heaulme, Francis (1959–)

MO: Transient pedophile; killed children of both sexes SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Mo. life sentence, 1984; prison suicide, DATE(S): 1984–92 VENUE: France VICTIMS: 11

Dec. 7, 1984

confessed

MO: Alcoholic transient rape-slayer of women and **Hawkins, Samuel** (1943–95) AKA: Traveling Rapist children (both sexes); victims ranged in age from SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

nine to 60 years

DATE(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Convicted in five separate murder trials, MO: Raped/killed 12-year-old girl; stabbed pregnant 1992-99; sentences tally two life terms plus 65 years housewife

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts; executed **Hein, Juergen** (1939–)

Feb. 21, 1995

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1967/1985 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Fairfax, Va. VICTIMS:

Three

Two

MO: Strangled wife, 1967; killed/mutilated two MO: Nurse who gave terminal patients lethal injections women age 50 and 55, 1985

at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital

DISPOSITION: Eight years for manslaughter, 1976

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on one count in 2000; (paroled 1972); 10 years for rape of 6-year-old girl, received two-year suspended sentence

1973 (paroled 1985); 2 consecutive life terms, 1986

Hernandez Chavez, Noe (1979–)

Henderson, Jacob (1971–)

SEX: F RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Pachuca, Mexico VIC-

DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-

TIMS: Two

TIMS: Three

MO: Raped and beheaded a six-year-old boy; strangled MO: Bludgeoned and sexually mutilated a male tran-a three-year-old girl “for pure pleasure” in prison sient; later stabbed two male roommates

visiting room

DISPOSITION: Received two consecutive life terms DISPOSITION: Unknown

plus 15 years at second trial, April 2002

Hernandez, Francis G. (1963–)

Henderson, Robert Dale (1946–93)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Long Beach, Calif. VIC-

specific

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1980–82 VENUE: Ohio/La./Miss./Fla.

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 18 and 21

VICTIMS: 12 confessed

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1983

MO: Transient impulse-killer; victims included three **Hernandez, Rodolfo Baiza** (1949–2002)

in-laws and nine strangers selected at random

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
DISPOSITION: Executed in Fla., Apr. 23, 1993
DATE(S): 1970s–1980s VENUE: San Antonio, Tex.
VICTIMS: 13

Henriquez, Alejandro (1961–)

MO: Shot five illegal migrant workers during robbery, SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

killing one; later confessed 12 additional murders DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: New York City VIC-while awaiting execution

TIMS: Four suspected
DISPOSITION: Executed on one count, March 21, 2002
MO: Sex-slayer of three females age 10–21 and a 15-year-old boy

Herrington, Michael Lee (1943–)

DISPOSITION: 25 years to life for one murder, 1992
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1966 VENUE: Milwaukee, Wis. VIC-

Henry, John Ruthell (1951–)

TIMS: Three
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
MO: Raped/stabbed females age 10–19
DATE(S): 1975/85 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms plus 32 years MO: Killed victims in Hillsborough and Pasco counties DISPOSITION: 15 years, 1976 (paroled 1983); con-Hey, Susan (1959–)

demned on two counts, 1992
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-“mercy”
DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Austin, Tex. VICTIMS:

Hensley, Lawrence Michael (1969–)

Two
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
MO: Nurse at rest home; injected elderly men with specific
potassium
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Sidney, Ohio VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Pled guilty, 1998; 50-year term with Four
25-year minimum

MO: Satanist who killed three teenagers at his home, then shot a Bible teacher

Hickock, James Butler (1837–76) AKA: Wild Bill DISPOSITION: Life sentence following guilty plea, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

March 7, 2000

DATE(S): 1861–75 VENUE: Nebr./Kans./Mo. VIC-

TIMS: 11+

Henson, Rhea R. (?–)

MO: Gunfighter and occasional lawman; shot personal SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-mercy

enemies

DISPOSITION: Murdered while playing poker, Aug. 2, **Hill, Donetta Marie** (1966–)

1876

SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa. VIC-

Hickman, William Edward (1908–28)

TIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Killed 2 men, ages 21 and 74, in personal alterca-DATE(S): 1926–27 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

tions

VICTIMS: Two to five

DISPOSITION: Condemned, April 9, 1992

MO: Shot druggist in holdup; dismembered 12-year-old kidnap victim; suspected in other deaths from **Hill, Dr. John** (1931–72)

Calif. to Pa.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count, Oct. 16, 1928

DATE(S): 1950s–69 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VIC-

TIMS: Five admitted

Hicks, James (1951–)

MO: Boasted to second wife of killing five victims, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

including first wife, his father, brother, and a fellow DATE(S): 1977–96 VENUE: Maine VICTIMS:

physician

Three to five

DISPOSITION: Mistrial in wife's death, 1971; shot in MO: Killed his wife in 1977; prime suspect in

apparent contract murder with second trial pending, murder/disappearances of four other women during Sept. 24, 1972

1977, 1982, and 1996

DISPOSITION: Convicted of fourth-degree murder in **Hill, Walter** (1935–97)

wife's death, 1984; received 10-year sentence, SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

paroled 1990; received 55-year term for armed rob-DATE(S): 1951–77 VENUE: Ga./Ala. VICTIMS:

bery of a 67-year-old woman at Lubbock, Tex.,

Five

Sept. 29, 2000; confessed two murders in Maine to MO: First murder, 1951; next killed fellow inmate in avoid prison in Texas; pleaded guilty on both counts Atlanta Federal Penitentiary; shot three members of and received life sentence, Nov. 17, 2000

his teenage girlfriend's family when they refused to let him marry the girl, 1977

Hickson, Monroe (1909–67) AKA: Blue Boy DISPOSITION: 10 years for first kill (paroled 1961); SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

paroled on second count, 1975; condemned 1980 in DATE(S): 1946 VENUE: Aiken, S.C. VICTIMS:

Ala.; executed May 1997

Four

MO: Killed three merchants and a housewife during **Hilley, Audrey Marie** (1933–87)

robberies

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DISPOSITION: Life + 20 years, 1957; escaped from cific

prison 1966; died of natural causes while a fugitive, DATE(S): 1975–79 VENUE: Anniston, Ala. VIC-Dec. 29, 1967

TIMS: Four

MO: "Black widow" poisoner of relatives and others **Higgenbotham, Chester L.** (1965–)

DISPOSITION: 1983 life term for murdering her hus-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

band + 20 years for attempted murder of daughter; DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Newton, Kans. VIC-escaped prison in 1987 and died of natural causes TIMS: Two

while at large

MO: Rape-slayer of women in crimes with a common

"signature of bondage"

Hines, Douglas (1948–)

DISPOSITION: Received separate 40-year prison terms SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

on two counts, 1998 and 1999

DATE(S): 1973/91 VENUE: Tex/Calif. VICTIMS:

Two

Hill, Clarence (1929–84)

MO: Burglar targeting older women; stabbed two who SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-surprised him

cific

DISPOSITION: 15 years to life in Tex., 1973; Calif.

DATE(S): 1938–40 VENUE: Hamilton Township,

life term, 1993

N.J. VICTIMS: Six

MO: Shot couples parked in a local lover's lane **Hiroaki Hidaka** (1962–)

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1944

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Hiroshima, Japan VIC-

MO: Serial arsonist; 11 fires claimed 22 lives TIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: 22 consecutive life terms

MO: Taxi driver who robbed and killed female fares aged 16–45; victims stabbed and strangled

Holmes, Darryl (?–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on Feb. 9, 2000

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

felony

Hiroaki Nishijima (1976–)

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Greenville, S.C. VICTIMS: SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

Two confessed

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Kyoto, Japan VICTIMS:

MO: Shot victims in armed robberies

Two

DISPOSITION: Convicted of murder in one case; over-MO: Robbed and strangled two women, aged 19 and turned on appeal; pleaded guilty to manslaughter in 28, whom he met through a cell phone dating ser- September 2001, receiving sentence of 25–30 years vice

in return for details of a second crime

DISPOSITION: Received life prison term, Nov. 10, 2002

Holmes, Henry Howard [*See* MUDGETT, HERMAN]

Hittle, Daniel Joe (1966–)

Honka, Fritz (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1979/89 VENUE: Minn./Tex. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1971–74 VENUE: Hamburg, Germany

Seven

VICTIMS: Four

MO: Shot adoptive parents; killed five, including a MO: Strangled prostitutes and kept bodies in his apart- policeman and a four-year-old girl, soon after parole ment

DISPOSITION: 30 years in Minn, 1979 (paroled

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1975

1988); condemned in Tex.

Hooijaijers, Frans (?–)

Hofmann, Kuno (1931–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1960s–71 VENUE: Netherlands VIC-

DATE(S): 1971 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

TIMS: 264 suspected

Three

MO: Nursing home attendant; killed patients with MO: Satanist and necrophile; shot three victims and insulin
drank their blood
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1972
DISPOSITION: 13 years on five counts, 1971
Hohenberger, Robert Carl (d. 1978)
Hopper, Vernon Lynn (1960–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1978 VENUE: Fla./La. VICTIMS: Seven
DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Two
suspected
MO: Nomadic rapist; killed two 11-year-old girls MO: Ex-convict rape-slayer of teenage girls
DISPOSITION: Two life terms + 198 years
DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot to avoid arrest, June 1978
Horton, Wayne Donald (1956–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
Holliday, Dr. John Henry (1852–87) AKA: Doc DATE(S): 1972–76 VENUE: Las Vegas, Nev. VIC-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
TIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1866–85 VENUE:
MO: Impulsive killer of victims in arguments and Ga./Tex./Colo./Wyo./N.Mex./Ariz. VICTIMS:
holdups
16–35
DISPOSITION: Four terms of life without parole, 1976
MO: Dentist turned gambler/gunfighter in Old West DISPOSITION: Died of tuberculosis, Nov. 8, 1887
Housel, Tracey Lee (1960–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.
Holman, George (?–)
DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Tex/Ga. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
Two
specific

MO: Killed two motorists for their cars, raping the DATE(S): 1944 VENUE: Oakland/San Francisco
female
VICTIMS: 22
DISPOSITION: Condemned in Ga., 1986

Howard, Ronnie (?–)
DISPOSITION: Received a four-year term for
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
manslaughter in Florida, Dec. 1992; paroled May DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: S.C. VICTIMS: Two
1994; life term in Florida, April 17, 1999; active MO: Suffocated women with plastic bags over their detainer from Tennessee if paroled
heads
DISPOSITION: Life term on one count; condemned on **Hunt, Henry Lee** (1944–2003)
second count
SEX: M RACE: NA TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
ACCOMPLICES: Two other men sentenced to life
DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: Robeson County, N.C.
terms, one for each death
VICTIMS: Three
MO: Carried out the contract murder of a male victim, **Hoyt, Waneta Ethel** (1943–)
then killed a police informant 6 days later
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
DISPOSITION: Executed on Sept. 12, 2003
cific
DATE(S): 1965–71 VENUE: Oswego, N.Y. VIC-
Hunt, Kenneth Dean (1966–)
TIMS: Five
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
MO: Killed her own children, disguised as SIDS
Sex./CE-felony
DISPOSITION: 75 years to life on five counts, 1995; DATE(S): 1988/1998 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

died in prison, Aug. 13, 1998

VICTIMS: Three

MO: Registered sex offender who killed and raped two **Hubbard, Randall L.** (1960–)

women, aged 60 and 71, in residential burglaries; SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

killed a third victim in a fight

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Morgan County, Ind.

DISPOSITION: Served time for voluntary manslaugh-VICTIMS: Three suspected

ter on one count; condemned on two counts, March MO: Shot male robbery victims

21, 2001

DISPOSITION: 120 years on two counts, 1998

Hunter, Birt Leroy (1947–2000)

Hullett, Johnny (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1968/1989 VENUE: Jefferson City, Mo.

DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Clover, S.C. VICTIMS:

VICTIMS: Three

Three

MO: Career criminal who killed victims during rob-MO: Rape slayer of women aged 57–81, strangled in beries

their homes; two victims left in bathtubs; the third had no bathtub but was drenched in fruit juice DISPOSITION: Imprisoned for the murder of a blind DISPOSITION: Life term on one murder count

bartender, 1968–80; executed on two counts of murder, June 28, 2000; accomplice Tomas Grant Ervin **Hume, Brian Donald** (1919–) AKA: Flying Smug-executed for the latter crime on March 28, 2001

gler

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

Hunter, Lendell (?–)

DATE(S): 1949/59 VENUE: England/Switzerland

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1971/1975 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VIC-

MO: Killed a personal enemy (1949) and robbery vicTIMS: Two suspected

tim (1959)

MO: Serial rapist who bludgeoned female victims dur-DISPOSITION: 12 years as “accessory,” 1950 (paroled ing home invasions

1958); life sentence, 1959; ruled insane, 1976

DISPOSITION: Received three consecutive life terms plus 95 years for various felony counts, Jan. 1972; **Hunt, Brian Alpress** (1950–)

escaped in Dec. 1972 and killed another woman; SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-recaptured Aug. 1974

specific

DATE(S): 1992–99 VENUE: Fla./Tenn. VICTIMS:

Huntley, Ian (?–)

Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Homeless transient who beat a male acquaintance DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Soham, England VICto death in 1992; stabbed another man to death in a TIMS: Two

quarrel over money; from jail, directed police to the MO: Pedophile with record of convictions dating from graves of two male victims in Tennessee

1995; kidnapped and murdered two schoolgirls

DISPOSITION: Life sentence imposed, Dec. 17, 2003; **Ireland, Jack** (?–?) AKA: Hatchet Jack

fiancée Maxine Carr received 42-month term for SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

conspiracy to obstruct justice

DATE(S): 1840s–70s VENUE: Rocky Mountains

VICTIMS: 100+

Husereau, Philip (d. 1988)

MO: “Mountain man” who killed numerous Indians; SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

also killed whites who traded with Indians

DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Nev./N.Y. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Unknown

Five

MO: Strangled girlfriends during sex; confessed to sister **Irtyshov, Igor** (?–)

DISPOSITION: Accidental death during autoerotic SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

asphyxia, Feb. 18, 1988

DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: St. Petersburg, Russia VICTIMS: “Several”

Huskey, Thomas Dee (1960–) AKA: Zoo Man MO: Pedophile slayer of boys; some disemboweled SEX: RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1996

DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Knoxville, Tenn. VIC-

TIMS: Four confessed

Irvin, Marvin Lee (1950–)

MO: Serial rapist of female prostitutes, nicknamed from SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

his preference for sex assaults near the Knoxville Zoo; DATE(S): 1979–90 VENUE: St. Joseph, Mo. VIC-blamed his crimes on multiple personality disorder TIMS: Five suspected

DISPOSITION: Confessed four murders in custody; MO: Shot/bludgeoned women during arguments

mistrial on those charges, February 1999, when the DISPOSITION: 100-year. minimum on plea to three jury deadlocked on sanity issues; convicted in multi-counts, 1991

ple rape trials, 2000–04, presently serving 66 years in prison; new trial for murder pending

Ishaak, Mohammed Adam Omar (1952–2001) AKA: Sana Ripper

Huster, Karen Lee (1959–)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Sana, Yemen VIC-

DATE(S): 1996–2000 VENUE: Ore./Calif. VIC-

TIMS: 50 confessed

TIMS: Three suspected

MO: Sudanese morgue attendant who raped, killed, MO: Murdered her 10-year-old daughter in 1996; and dismembered women

arrested in 2000 at a Los Angeles apartment whose DISPOSITION: Publicly flogged for drinking alcohol, 73-year-old tenant is still missing; human remains then shot for murder, on June 22, 2001

found in freezer at the scene

DISPOSITION: Convicted of her daughter's murder, **Ivery, Samuel** (1957–)

Feb. 8, 2002; received a term of 25 years to life SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-nonspecific

Hu Wanlin (1948–)

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Calif./Ariz./Ill./Ala. VICSEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

TIMS: Four+

DATE(S): 1982/97–98 VENUE: China VICTIMS:

MO: "Ninja of God"; beheaded females age 17–27

210+

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Ala., 1994

MO: "Spirit doctor" who administered herbal "medicine" at unlicensed clinics, resulting in numerous **Jablonski, Philip Carl** (1946–)

deaths

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Served 14 years for killing 20 patients DATE(S): 1979/91 VENUE: Calif./Utah VICTIMS:

in Shaanxi Province(paroled 1997); sentenced to 15

Five

years on Jan. 16, 2001

MO: Sadistic rape-slayer and necrophile; victims include two wives and a mother-in-law

Ingle, Phillip Lee (1961–)

DISPOSITION: 13 years eight months, 1979 (paroled SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-1990); condemned in Calif., 1994

specific

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: N.C. VICTIMS: Four

Jackson, Calvin (1948–)

MO: Home invader who bludgeoned elderly couples SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DISPOSITION: Four death sentences + one life term, DATE(S): 1973–74 VENUE: New York City VIC-1994

TIMS: Nine

MO: Addict rape-slayer of women age 39–79, all but **Jackson, Ray Shawn** (1968–) AKA: Gilham Park one killed at hotel where he worked as a janitor Strangler

DISPOSITION: 18 consecutive life terms, 1975

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Kansas City VIC-

Jackson, Charles (1937–2002)

TIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Rape-slayer of street prostitutes

DATE(S): 1980–82 VENUE: Oakland, Calif. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Six consecutive life terms without TIMS: Seven

parole, 1991

MO: Rape-slayer of women during home invasions; also stabbed one victim's husband

Jackson, Robin (1949–98) AKA: The Jackal DISPOSITION: Life sentence imposed on one count, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-for a 1982 murder; died of heart attack in prison, extremist

Feb. 15, 2002; DNA posthumously proved links to DATE(S): 1973–98 VENUE: Northern Ireland VIC-six other slayings

TIMS: 100+

MO: Protestant terrorist and contract killer who shot, **Jackson, Elton Manning** (1956–) AKA: Hampton stabbed, and bombed Catholic Republican victims Roads Killer

and suspected police informers

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Died of lung cancer, January 1998

DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Chesapeake, Va. VIC-

TIMS: 12 suspected

Jacobs, Clawvern (1947–)

MO: Lust strangler of gay men

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DATE(S): 1974/86 VENUE: Knott County, Ky.

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count,1998

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Robbed/killed woman (1974); killed/mutilated **Jackson, Mary Jane** (1836–?) AKA: Brick Top second woman

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-argu-

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1989

ment

DATE(S): 1856–61 VENUE: New Orleans, La.

James, Eugene H. (?–)

VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Prostitute with violent temper; stabbed male specific

acquaintances

DATE(S): 1948 VENUE: Baltimore/Washington, D.C.

DISPOSITION: 10 years for one count, 1861;

VICTIMS: Two

reprieved by new governor when Union troops occu-MO: Stabbed two girls, both age 11, in municipal pied New Orleans nine months later

parks

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1948

Jackson, Michael Wayne (1945–86)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

Jameswhite, Richard (1974–) AKA: Babyface specific

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Ind./Ky. VICTIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1993–94 VENUE: N.Y./Conn./Pa./Ga.

MO: Shot h is probation officer and two other men VICTIMS: 15 suspected

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot to avoid arrest, MO: Victims killed in armed robberies

Oct. 2, 1986

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Ga., 1994

Jackson, Patricia (1949–)

Jasinskyj, Tony (1959–)

SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-argu-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

ment

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: England VICTIMS: “Sev-

DATE(S): 1966/81 VENUE: Tuscaloosa, Ala. VIC-
eral”
TIMS: Two
MO: British soldier who raped and strangled a 14-MO: Slashed boyfriend with razor; stabbed female bar-year-old girl near his base at Aldershot; linked to tender
that crime and unspecified others by DNA evidence DISPOSITION: 12 years for second-degree, 1966
in 2001
(paroled 1970); condemned 1981 (commuted to life DISPOSITION: Received a life term on one murder on appeal)
count plus 10 years for rape, May 2002

Jeanneret, Marie (1836–84)
Jenkins, James Gilbert (1834–64)
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
cific
DATE(S): 1840s–1864 VENUE: Mo./Tex./Iowa/Calif.
DATE(S): 1866–67 VENUE: Lausanne, Switzerland
VICTIMS: 18
VICTIMS: Eight
MO: Murdered robbery victims (eight whites and 10
MO: Self-styled “nurse” who poisoned patients and Indians)
employer
DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count in Calif., 1864
DISPOSITION: Life sentence on six counts; died in prison, 1884
Jennings, Desmond Dominique (1971–99)
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
Jebson, Ronald (1939–)
DATE(S): 1992–93 VENUE: Fort Worth, Tex. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: 5–20
DATE(S): 1970–74 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
MO: Shot prostitutes and addicts during crack house Three
robberies; police proved five slayings and suspect 15

MO: Pedophile slayer of children aged 8–12
more
DISPOSITION: Received life sentence for the 1974
DISPOSITION: Executed on two counts, Nov. 16,
murder of an eight-year-old girl; subsequently con-1999
fessed two previous slayings

Jennings, Wilbur Lee (1941–) AKA: Ditchbank **Jeffries** (?–?) AKA: Jeffries the Monster Murders
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 19th century VENUE: Australia VIC-
DATE(S): 1984–86 VENUE: Fresno, Calif. VIC-
TIMS: Four
TIMS: “Several”
MO: Slayer of female prostitutes; bodies dumped in MO: Escaped convict, rapist, and cannibal
canals
DISPOSITION: Killed by posse
DISPOSITION: Condemned with additional sentence of life + 64 years on lesser charges, 1986

Jegado, Helene (1803–51)
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Jensen, Richard Allen (1947–)
DATE(S): 1833–51 VENUE: France VICTIMS: 23+
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: Thieving servant; poisoned employers and
DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Grand Rapids, Mich.
coworkers
VICTIMS: Three
DISPOSITION: Beheaded in Dec. 1851
MO: “Ripper” of street prostitutes
DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1991

Jelisic, Goran (1968–) AKA: Adolf
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-

Johns, Alis Ben (1974–)
extremist
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Brcko, Bosnia VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Ozarks region, Mo. VIC-
100+ suspected
TIMS: Three suspected
MO: Serb slayer of Muslims in Luka concentration MO: Mentally retarded suspect in series of shooting camp
deaths
DISPOSITION: Pled guilty to 12 murders, 1998
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1999
Jenkins, Cecil (1965–)
Johns, Ronnie (?–)
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind.
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Flint, Mich. VICTIMS:
VICTIMS: Four alleged
Four
MO: Serial rapist of at least seven women, killing four; MO: Victims shot in robbery attempts
two victims left in cars
DISPOSITION: 15 years to life on one count, 1992; DISPOSITION: Received 130-year term for rape and life without parole on second count, 1992
kidnapping of one victim, March 2, 1999; received 78 years on second rape conviction, March 11,
Johnson, Alison (1966–)
1999; received 65-year sentence on one murder
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
count, Nov. 28, 2001
cific

DATE(S): 1996–2000 VENUE: Doncaster, England
DISPOSITION: Convicted on three murder counts; VICTIMS: Three
received life term, April 1, 2004
MO: Mother who killed her newborn children; two found at her home; one still missing

Johnson, Paul David (1945–)
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to manslaughter by neg-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-
ligence, June 12, 2002; received a sentence of three domestic
years community rehabilitation
DATE(S): 1984/89 VENUE: Tenn./Fla. VICTIMS:
Two
Johnson, Emanuel (1963–)
MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of wives
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count in Tenn.,
DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Sarasota County, Fla.
1984; life term in Fla., 1990
VICTIMS: Two
MO: Killed burglary/holdup victims
Johnson, Ronnie (1961–)
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1991; five SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
life terms + 30 years on lesser charges
DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:
Two
Johnson, James Rodney (?–)
MO: Robbery-murders of two victims
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
DISPOSITION: Condemned on first count, Dec. 13, specific
1991; condemned on second count, July 16, 1992
DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Cooper/Moniteau Coun-
ties., Mo. VICTIMS: Four
Johnson, Tivian (1970–)
MO: Shot three police officers and a sheriff's wife in SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Dade County, Fla. VIC-
separate attacks
TIMS: Two
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1991
MO: Killed robbery victims

DISPOSITION: Triple life sentence, 1993; death + two **Johnson, Jay Thomas** (1968–)
life terms, 1995
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Minneapolis, Minn. VIC-
Johnston, John (1850–1900) AKA: Crow Killer; TIMS: Two
Liver-eating Johnson
MO: AIDS victim who killed gay men aged 21 and 48
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on both counts, receiv-DATE(S): 1843–78 VENUE: Rocky Mountains
ing two consecutive life terms plus 15 years on lesser VICTIMS: Hundreds
charges
MO: "Mountain man" and prolific killer of Indians for revenge or racism; killed 300 Crows, plus numerous **Johnson, Martha** (1955–)
Utes, Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Sioux, Nez Perce, etc.; SEX: F RACE: F TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-relieved of duty in Civil War for killing Indians cific
allied with his own (Union) side
DATE(S): 1977–82 VENUE: GA. VICTIMS: Four
DISPOSITION: Died of natural causes, Jan. 21, 1900
suspected; two confessed
MO: Smothered her own children; deaths mistaken for **Jones, Bryan** (1957–) AKA: Dumpster Killer SIDS
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1990 (commuted on
DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-
appeal)
TIMS: Four
MO: Rape-slayer of prostitutes; bodies left in dumpsters **Johnson, Matthew Steven** (1963–)
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1994
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1996–2000 VENUE: Hartford, Conn.
Jones, Daniel Steven (1961–)
VICTIMS: Seven alleged

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Drifter with history of violent crimes and felony DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Nev./Fla. VICTIMS:

convictions dating from age 19, including four-year Three suspected

terms for assault (1982–86) and robbery (1992–96); MO: Killed one Nev. man for his trailer; others sus-rape-slayer of women aged 28–37, in Hartford's pected in Fla.

North End

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Nev.

Jones, Harold (1906–)

MO: Rape-slayer of women; also drowned three chil-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

dren of one victim

DATE(S): 1921 VENUE: Abertillery, Wales VIC-

DISPOSITION: Executed in Ind., Mar. 9, 1981

TIMS: Two

MO: Rape-slayer of girls age eight and 11

Junco, Francisco del (1958–)

DISPOSITION: Indeterminate prison sentence, 1921

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:

Jones, Jeffrey Gerard (1960–)

Four confessed

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

MO: Cuban immigrant; killed and set afire female cific

addicts, age 37–44

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif.

DISPOSITION: Confessed June 1996; sentence

VICTIMS: Four

unknown

MO: Bludgeoned male victims with hammer in public restrooms

Jurkiewicz, Thomas [*See* YORK, THOMAS]

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1987

Justus, Buddy Earl (1953–90)

Jones, Sydney (d. 1915)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
DATE(S): 1978 VENUE: Ga./Fla./Va. VICTIMS:
specific
Three
DATE(S): 1900s VENUE: U.S. nationwide VIC-
MO: Transient rape-slayer of women
TIMS: 13 confessed
DISPOSITION: Executed in Va., Dec. 13, 1990
MO: Random murders of men (11 blacks, two
whites)
Kaczynski, Theodore John (1942–) AKA:
DISPOSITION: Hanged in Ala. on June 25, 1915
Unabomber
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
Jordan, Keydrick Deon (1972–)
specific
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/SEx.
DATE(S): 1978–93 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Orange County, Fla.
TIMS: Three
VICTIMS: Two
MO: Serial bomber; 17 blasts in seven states
MO: Shot woman in robbery; raped/killed another and DISPOSITION: Life without parole on 1998 guilty plea burned her home
DISPOSITION: Life on one count, 1993; condemned **Kahl, Gordon** (d. 1984)
on second count, 1994
SEX: M RACE: N TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-
extremist
Joyner, Anthony (1961–)
DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: N.Dak./Ark. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: Three
DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa. VIC-
MO: Neo-Nazi tax-evader; killed lawmen while a fugi-TIMS: Six
tive

MO: Rape-slayer of elderly women at rest home where DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with police, June 3, he worked

1984

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1984

Kalejs, Konrad (1913–2001)

Judge, Giancarlo (?–) AKA: Monster of Torino SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

extremist

DATE(S): 1983–86 VENUE: Torino, Italy VIC-

DATE(S): 1941–45 VENUE: Latvia VICTIMS:

TIMS: Nine

30,000

MO: Shot/strangled female prostitutes

MO: Nazi collaborator and member of roving murder DISPOSITION: 30 years in lunatic asylum

squad

DISPOSITION: Died Nov. 12, 2001, while fighting **Judy, Steven Timothy** (1956–81)

extradition to Latvia on war crimes charges

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1970s VENUE: Ind./Tex./La./Calif. VIC-Kalichuk, Alexander (d. 1975)

TIMS: 11 confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1950s VENUE: London, Ontario VIC-

DISPOSITION: Received life prison term for three TIMS: Two alleged

murders and five rapes at trial in 2000; received 20

MO: Sergeant in Canadian air force, posthumously years for a sixth rape, Aug. 12, 2004

identified as pedophile slayer of young girls

DISPOSITION: Died before evidence of guilt was col-Keene, John (d. 1865)

lected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1861–65 VENUE: Tenn./Utah VICTIMS:

Kappen, Paul (1941–91) AKA: Saturday Night Stran-Five+
gler
MO: Confederate navy deserter and outlaw during SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Civil War
DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Llandarcy, Wales VIC-
DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count in Salt Lake
TIMS: Three
City, 1865
MO: Rape-strangler of female hitchhikers, all 16 years old
Kelley, Doyle (?–)
DISPOSITION: Died before new DNA techniques
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
linked him to crimes
DATE(S): 1981–93 VENUE: Joplin, Mo. VICTIMS:
Three suspected
Kaprat, Edwin Bernard, III (1964–95) AKA: Granny MO: Suspected as accomplice in robbery-slaying of Killer
young woman, 1981; “Bluebeard” slayer of wives in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
staged “accidents,” 1990/93
DATE(S): 1991/93 VENUE: Hernando County, Fla.
DISPOSITION: Life term on two counts, 1994
VICTIMS: Five
MO: Beat man to death, 1991; rape-slayer of women **Kelliher, Mary** (?–?)
age 72–87, killed/burned in their homes, 1993
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-domes-
DISPOSITION: two years house arrest for using dead tic
man’s credit cards, 1991; condemned, 1995; mur-DATE(S): 1905–8 VENUE: Boston, Ma. VICTIMS:
dered in prison Apr. 20, 1995
Six
MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husband and relatives **Kasler, Steven L.** (?–)
DISPOSITION: Escaped conviction by blaming deaths SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

on a mattress contaminated with arsenic

DATE(S): 1980s–1990s VENUE: United States VIC-

TIMS: 34 confessed

Kelly, Horace Edward (1959–)

MO: Drifter who implicated himself in 34 murders, SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

then recanted

DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: San Bernardino, Calif.

DISPOSITION: Received a 99-year sentence for kid-VICTIMS: Three

napping and robbing a woman in Louisiana;

MO: Necrophile rape-slayer of two women; also shot pleaded no contest to an Ohio murder and received 11-year-old boy while trying to abduct the victim's a life sentence on Dec. 14, 1999

female cousin

DISPOSITION: Condemned 1986

Katsumi Hoshinois (1976–)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

Kelly, Kieron (1928–)

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Tokyo, Japan VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

Two

extremist

MO: Thief who drugged, robbed, and dumped 11

DATE(S): 1975–83 VENUE: London, England VIC-

women he met through a dating service; two victims TIMS: Five confessed

died of hypothermia

MO: Homophobobic slayer of gay males

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1984

Kee, Ahron (1973–)

Kennedy, Edward Dean (d. 1992)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1991–98 VENUE: Harlem, New York City

DATE(S): 1978/81 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Three

VICTIMS: Three

MO: Killed motel clerk (1978); shot policeman and MO: Rape-slayer of petite females aged 13–19

male civilian after prison break

DISPOSITION: Life term, 1978 (escaped 1981); con-DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: London, England VIC-

demned, 1981; executed July 21, 1992

TIMS: Two

MO: Landlord who killed female tenants, aged 21 and **Kennedy, Julian** (1943–)

22, by binding and suffocating them with ornate SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

giftwrap tape; nude corpses were hidden on his DATE(S): 1958–73 VENUE:

property

Fla./Ark./Ga./N.Mex./Tex. VICTIMS: 9+ confessed DISPOSITION: Life sentence on guilty plea to one MO: Outlaw biker and career criminal; confessed mur-count, March 25, 2003

ders during holdups, jail breaks, drug deals, and personal arguments

Kimbrough, Petrie [*See* LOCKETT, WILL]

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Ga., 1973

Kinne, Sharon (1940–)

Ketchum, Tom (1862–1901) AKA: Black Jack SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1960–62 VENUE: Mo./Mexico VIC-

DATE(S): 1880s–1901 VENUE:

TIMS: Three

Tex./N.Mex./Colo./Ariz. VICTIMS: “Several”

MO: “Black widow” slayer of husband, lover’s wife, MO: “Wild Bunch” outlaw and murderer

and boyfriend

DISPOSITION: Hanged in Ariz., Apr. 26, 1901

DISPOSITION: 13 years on one count in Mexico, 1963

Keyes, Russell (1957–98)

Kinney, James Allen (1948–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Portugal/France/Morocco
DATE(S): 1980s–90s VENUE:
VICTIMS: Five
Mich./Minn./Iowa/Idaho/Oreg./Wash. VICTIMS:
MO: British national; killed women who spurned mar-More than six suspected
riage proposals in his pursuit of altered citizenship MO: Transient rape-slayer of young women
DISPOSITION: Shot by American bride in Ariz. after DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on one murder count in he confessed five murders, July 21, 1998
Washington, Dec. 12, 2001; received life prison term without parole, Jan. 14, 2002

Khan, Dr. Sohrab Aslam (1944–)
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

Kipp, Martin James (1952–85) AKA: Dr. Crazy cific
SEX: M RACE: NA TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Lahore, Pakistan VIC-
DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Los Angeles/Orange
TIMS: 13
counties, Calif. VICTIMS: Two
MO: Thrill-killer of male victims in random shootings MO: Rape-strangler of teenage girls
DISPOSITION: Unreported by Pakistani authorities DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1987

Kibbe, Roger Reece (1941–) AKA: I-5 Killer **Kiyotaka Katsuta** (1948–2000)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DATE(S): 1986–88 VENUE: Calif./Nev. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1972–82 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS: Eight
Seven+ suspected
confessed
MO: Rape-strangler of females age 17–26

MO: Japan's "most evil" criminal, arrested after a 10-DISPOSITION: Life term with 18-year minimum on year rampage; strangled four Kyoto women,

one count, 1991

1972–77, then switched to shooting men in rob-

beries at Kobe and Nagoya

Kilgore, Dean (1950–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1986; hanged on Nov.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

30, 2000

DATE(S): 1978/89 VENUE: Polk County, Fla. VIC-

TIMS: Two

Klenner, Frederick Robert, Jr. (1956–) MO: Killed kidnap victim; murdered prison inmate SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: two life terms, 1978; condemned, 1990

DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Ky./N.C. VICTIMS:

Eight

Kim, Hyu Soo (1971–)

MO: Stabbed/shot five relatives of his girlfriend; later SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sad.

murdered the girlfriend and her two children

DISPOSITION: Suicide by bomb to avoid arrest, June **Komar, Janusz** (1963–)

3, 1985

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad./CE

DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS: Two

Klimek, Tillie (1865–?)

MO: Czech immigrant; beat/stomped women age 26

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

and 68, also robbing second victim

DATE(S): 1914–20 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

DISPOSITION: 10 years maximum sentence due to age TIMS: Six

MO: "Black widow" poisoner of husbands and a

Komaroff, Vasili (1871–1923) AKA: Wolf of Moscow female neighbor

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1921

DATE(S): 1921–23 VENUE: Moscow, Russia VIC-

TIMS: 33 confessed

Klosowski, Severin Antoniovitch (1865–1903) AKA: MO: Horse dealer who robbed/killed customers at his George Chapman

stable

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Executed with wife (convicted as

DATE(S): 1897—1902 VENUE: England VIC-

accomplice), June 18, 1923

TIMS: Three

MO: Profit-motivated poisoner of common-law wives; **Komin, Alexander** (1953–)

suspect in 1888 “JACK THE RIPPER” case

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DISPOSITION: Hanged April 7, 1903

DATE(S): 1971/82 VENUE: Fla./N.J. VICTIMS:

Three confirmed

Knight, Thomas (1951–)

MO: Killed male roommate (1971); raped stabbed SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

female victims

DATE(S): 1974/1980 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Convicted of murder/robbery in Fla., TIMS: Three

1971 (paroled 1982); condemned on one count in MO: Killed two victims in personal altercations, then N.J., 1984 (reduced on appeal); life term for second murdered another inmate

count, 1985

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, April 21, 1975; condemned on third count, Jan. 20, 1983

Kondro, Joseph (?–)

SEX: M RACE: NA TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Kock, Eugene de (1949–) AKA: Prime Evil DATE(S): 1982–97 VENUE: Washington State VIC-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extremist

TIMS: “Dozens”

DATE(S): 1970s–80s VENUE: South Africa VIC-

TIMS: “Numerous”

MO: Rapist and strangler of young girls, suspected in MO: Policeman who murdered black antiapartheid disappearances and deaths spanning 15 years

activists

DISPOSITION: Confessed two murders and two rapes DISPOSITION: 212 years for six murders and 83 lesser to avoid execution; received 55-year prison term in counts, 1996

1999

Koedatich, James J. (1948–)

Koudri, Mohammed (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1971/82–83 VENUE: Fla./N.J. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Milan, Italy VICTIMS:

Three+

Two

MO: Killed male roommate (1971) and at least two MO: Slayer of gay men

females

DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1984 (commuted to life on appeal); life term on second count, **Krebs, Rex Allen** (1966–)

1985

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Koltun, Julian (1950–)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Convicted sex offender and self-described “mon-DATE(S): 1980–81 VENUE: Eastern Poland VIC-

ster” who killed two 20-year-old coeds, hiding bod-TIMS: Two

ies on his property

MO: “Vampire” rape-slayer of women

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, May 11,

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1981

2001

Krist, Gary Steven (1945–)

MO: Alcoholic cannibal who murdered and devoured SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-male drinking cronies, keeping blood and body parts specific

in his flat

DATE(S): 1959–64 VENUE: Alaska/Calid./Utah

DISPOSITION: Convicted on three murder counts, VICTIMS: Four confessed

March 19, 1997

MO: Confessed slayer of two gay men, one girl, and an unidentified victim

Kuznetsof (d. 1929)

DISPOSITION: Ga. life term for kidnapping, 1969; SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

never charged with murder

DATE(S): 1920s VENUE: Russia VICTIMS: Six+

MO: Alleged leader of "Volga pirates"; killed two **Krueger, David Michael** (1918–)

relatives and at least four others in various rob-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

beries

DATE(S): 1956–57/91 VENUE: Ontario, Canada

DISPOSITION: Executed by firing squad, 1929

VICTIMS: Four confessed

MO: Pedophile slayer of children; killed/sodomized 27-Kyte, Alun (1967–) AKA: Midlands Ripper year-old man

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Ruled insane, 1957; committed fourth DATE(S): 1984–96 VENUE: British Midlands VIC-murder on day pass from asylum; ruled insane again TIMS: 19 suspected

1992

MO: Raped and strangled female prostitutes and hitchhikers

Kuklinski, Richard (1935–)

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on two counts, 2000

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1949–86 VENUE: N.J./N.Y. VICTIMS:

Kyteler, Alice (?–?)

100+

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Cult

MO: Beat personal enemy to death in fight, age 14; DATE(S): 1300s VENUE: Kilkenny, Ireland VIC-adult career criminal and contract killer; also killed TIMS: More than four

for pleasure and revenge

MO: Black widow slayer of four husbands; also

DISPOSITION: Consecutive life terms with 60-year accused of witchcraft and human sacrifice

minimums on each of four counts, 1988; indicted in DISPOSITION: Convicted and condemned in absentia February 2003 for the 1979 murder of a New York but never captured; her maid, Petronella de Meath, City policeman, confessed during a TV interview; was convicted as an accomplice and burned at the trial pending

stake on Nov. 3, 1324

Kulaxides, Peter (?–?)

L., Thomas (1969–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

tic

extremist

DATE(S): 1920s VENUE: Greece VICTIMS: Six

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

suspected

Five confessed

MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of wives

MO: Nazi skinhead; shot political opponents and a DISPOSITION: Confessed one count, Sept. 1930; sen-gang defector

tence unknown

DISPOSITION: Confessed, Mar. 1996; sentence

unknown

Kutzner, Richard William (1942–2002)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

Lacenaire, Pierre François (d. 1835)

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Harris County, Tex. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1834 VENUE: Paris, France VICTIMS:
MO: Women aged 54 and 59, bound and strangled
Three confessed
during robberies
MO: Killed robbery victims
DISPOSITION: Executed on Aug. 7, 2002
DISPOSITION: Guillotined, 1835
Kuzikov, Ilshat (1959–)
LaFerte, Georges (1952–)
SEX: RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspecific
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1992–96 VENUE: St. Petersburg, Russia DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Nantes, France VIC-VICTIMS: Three
TIMS: Two

MO: Alcoholic lust-killer of young women
MO: French-Canadian trapper; donned bearskin and DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1987
mask to rape and mutilate young women around
Halloween season
Landau, Abraham (d. 1935) AKA: Misfit
DISPOSITION: Hanged in Quebec, Mar. 15, 1878
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1920s–35 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:
Lara, Mario (1955–)
"Numerous"
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.
MO: Contract killer for
DATES(S): 1981 VENUE: Dade County, Fla. VIC-
ARTHUR FLEGENHEIMER gang
DISPOSITION: Murdered with Flegenheimer, Oct. 23, TIMS: Two
1935
MO: Serial rapist; killed female prosecution witness in upcoming trial; stabbed teenage rape victim

Landzo, Esad (?–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count + life with 25-year minimum on second count, 1982

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-

extremist

LaRette, Anthony Joe, Jr. (1962–95)

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Celibici, Bosnia VICTIMS: SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Three+

DATES(S): 1977–80 VENUE: Kans./Mo. VICTIMS:

MO: Raped/killed Serbs in concentration camp

Three confessed

DISPOSITION: 15 years on three murder counts, 1998

MO: Young women killed with multiple stab wounds DISPOSITION: Executed in Mo., Nov. 29, 1995

Lane, Doyle Edward (1961–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Laskey, Posteal (1937–) AKA: Cincinnati Strangler DATES(S): 1980/90 VENUE: Tex./Kans. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Two suspected

DATES(S): 1965–66 VENUE: Cincinnati, Ohio

MO: Pedophile slayer of girls age eight and nine VICTIMS: Seven

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Tex.,

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 51–81

1992

DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count, 1967

Lang, Donald (1945–) AKA: Dummy

Lawrence, Michael Alan (1955–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

cific

DATES(S): 1976/90 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two

DATES(S): 1965/72 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

MO: Killed robbery victims in Santa Rosa and Escam-TIMS: Two

bia Counties

MO: Illiterate deaf-mute slayer of women

DISPOSITION: Life term, 1976 (paroled 1985); con-DISPOSITION: Ruled incompetent for trial, 1965; demned, 1990

released from asylum, 1971; life sentence, 1972

(overturned on appeal; remanded to asylum)

Laws, Keith Richard (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATES(S): 1970/89 VENUE: Va./Netherlands VIC-

Langley, Robert P., Jr. (1959–)

TIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Profit-motivated slayer of wife (1970) and elderly specific

male acquaintance (1989)

DATES(S): 1987–89 VENUE: North Salem, Ore.

DISPOSITION: Imprisoned for wife's murder,

VICTIMS: Two

1970–87; life term in Amsterdam, 1991

MO: Parolee; killed woman (1987) and fellow ex-convict (1989), planting bodies near his halfway house **Lawson, Bennie L.** (d. 1994)

residence

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Condemned in two separate trials, DATES(S): 1994 VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-1989

TIMS: Six suspected

MO: Suspected of a triple murder; opened fire in police **LaPage, Joseph** (d. 1878)

station, killing three lawmen and wounding two SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

more

DATES(S): c. 1870–73 VENUE: Mass./Canada

DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with police, Nov.

VICTIMS: Two

22, 1994

Lear, Tuhran (?–)

DATES(S): 1943/50 VENUE: Lawrence, Mass. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: Two

DATES(S): 1980s VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:

MO: Strangler of women; one victim mutilated

Two

DISPOSITION: Convicted of manslaughter, 1943

MO: Killed teenager as juvenile; shot robbery victim (paroled 1948); suicide after second murder, Nov.

DISPOSITION: Condemned

17, 1950

Leasure, William Ernest (1946–) AKA: Mild Bill **Lent, Lewis, Jr.** (1950–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): 1977–81 VENUE: Los Angeles County,

DATES(S): 1983–90 VENUE: Eastern U.S. VIC-

Calif. VICTIMS: Three

TIMS: Eight suspected

MO: Corrupt policeman and contract killer

MO: Lust killer of five females (age 10–21) and three DISPOSITION: 15 years to life on two counts, 1991

males (age 12–15)

DISPOSITION: Life without parole in Mass., 1995; 25

Lee, Derrick Todd (1969–)

years to life in N.Y., 1997

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1998–2003 VENUE: Baton Rouge, La.

Leonard, Eric Royce (1969–) AKA: Thrill Killer VICTIMS: Seven

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Attacked 8 women, killing seven, in four parishes specific

surrounding Baton Rouge

DATES(S): 1991 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Received life term without parole on TIMS: Six

one count of second-degree murder, Aug. 16, 2004; MO: Shot victims/witnesses in petty robberies

convicted on second count, Oct. 12, 2004

DISPOSITION: Condemned

Leger, Antoine (d. 1824)

Leonski, Edward Joseph (1917–42) AKA: Singing SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Strangler

DATES(S): 1820s VENUE: France VICTIMS: "Sev-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

eral"

specific

MO: Cannibal "ripper" or young women who also

DATES(S): 1919–42 VENUE: Melbourne, Australia

drank blood of his victims, sometimes removing and VICTIMS: Three

devouring hearts

MO: Alcoholic American soldier, killed women "for DISPOSITION: Guillotined, 1824

their voices"

DISPOSITION: Hanged Nov. 9, 1942

Legere, Allan Joseph (1948–) AKA: Madman of Miramichi

Leroy, Francis (1943–) AKA: The Werewolf SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATES(S): 1986/89 VENUE: New Brunswick,

specific

Canada VICTIMS: Five+

DATES(S): 1961/83 VENUE: Bergerac, France VIC-

MO: Tortured first victim to death; others stabbed, TIMS: Two

bludgeoned, strangled, asphyxiated

MO: Donned costumes to attack victims during full DISPOSITION: Life term, 1986 (escaped 1989); sec-moons

ond life term, 1991

DISPOSITION: 20 years, 1963 (paroled 1972); life without parole, 1989

Lehman, Christa (1922–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

Leslie, Nashville Franklin (1842–1925)

DATES(S): 1952–54 VENUE: Worms, Germay VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

TIMS: Three

DATES(S): 1880s VENUE: Ariz. Territory VIC-

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husband, father-inTIMS: 13 claimed
law, and a female neighbor
MO: Old West gunman; victims included his live-in lover DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1954
DISPOSITION: 25 years for murder of his girlfriend, 1889; pardoned and released, 1897

Lemieux, Joseph A. (1908–50)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

Le Thanh Van (1956–)
specific
SEX: F RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1998–2001 VENUE: Ho Chi Minh City,
DATES(S): 1986–91 VENUE: Taiwan VICTIMS: 24
Vietnam VICTIMS: 13
MO: Career criminal; killed victims in gang warfare, MO: Poisoned acquaintances, then stole their cash and kidnappings, and robberies
other valuables; unnamed boyfriend charged as an DISPOSITION: Executed July 25, 1991
accomplice
DISPOSITION: Arrested in August 2004; disposition **Li Pingping** (1960–2004)
unknown
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex
DATE(S): 1995–2003 VENUE: Beijing, China VIC-

Lewis, Gerald Patrick (1965–)
TIMS: Six
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Taxi driver who killed his ex-employer’s wife and DATE(S): 1980s–1990s VENUE: Ala./Ga./Mass.
12-year-old daughter after being fired; subsequently VICTIMS: Seven confessed
killed and dismembered female prostitutes
MO: Transient rape-slayer of women
DISPOSITION: Executed, June 2004; wife Dong
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts in

Meirong received 15-year prison term, March 2004, Alabama, Dec. 10, 1999; received life prison term as an accessory to murder and for harboring stolen on one count in Massachusetts, Aug. 8, 2000

money

Libmann, Achim (1946–)

Lisemba, Raymond (d. 1942)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

revenge

DATES(S): 1930s–40s VENUE: Colo./Calif. VIC-

DATES(S): 1986 VENUE: Frankfurt, Germany

TIMS: Three

VICTIMS: Two

MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of wives and a male friend for MO: Strangled prostitutes after his wife became one insurance

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty; life sentence, 1987

DISPOSITION: Hanged in Calif., May 1942

Lightbourne, Wendell (1940–)

Little, Dwain Lee (1947–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): 1959 VENUE: Bermuda VICTIMS: Two

DATES(S): 1964/75 VENUE: Ore. VICTIMS: Five

MO: Rape-slayer of female tourists; bite marks on bodies MO: Raped/stabbed 16-year-old girl; shot family of DISPOSITION: Death sentence commuted to life

four

imprisonment

DISPOSITION: Life term, 1966 (paroled 1974);

returned as parole violator, 1975 (released 1977); **Lindsey, William Darrell** (1935–)

three consecutive life terms for rape + attempted SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

murder, 1980

DATE(S): 1988–97 VENUE: Fla./N.C. VICTIMS:

More than seven

Liu Jun (1971–)

MO: Rape-slayer of women; victims beaten and shot; SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex

prime suspect in seven Florida murders and the DATE(S): 1997–99 VENUE: China VICTIMS: 22

death of an Asheville, N.C., prostitute

MO: Posed as repairman to invade and rob homes in DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to four counts of sec-five Chinese provinces, killing 22 victims, wounding ond-degree murder in Florida, receiving 30-year six others and raping several women

terms for each count, May 21, 1999; pled guilty on DISPOSITION: Unknown

two more counts and received 30-year terms on

both in Florida, July 8, 1999

Liu Mingwu (1961–)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

Lineveldt, Gamal Salie (1919–42)

specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Anhui Province, China

DATES(S): 1940–41 VENUE: Cape Town, South

VICTIMS: 29

Africa VICTIMS: Four

MO: Stabbed and bludgeoned homeless victims in sev-MO: Raped/bludgeoned women

eral cities, afterward setting their bodies afire DISPOSITION: Confessed all counts; hanged, 1942

DISPOSITION: Unknown

Lin Lai-Fu (1960–91)

Li Yuhui (1970–99)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Hong Kong, China VIC-

Longley, William P. (1851–78)

TIMS: Five

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

MO: Fortune-teller who poisoned three women and DATES(S): 1867–77 VENUE: Tex./Kans. VICTIMS:

two teenage girls, robbing them of $150,000

32 admitted

DISPOSITION: Executed on April 20, 1999

MO: Racist gunfighter; shot blacks, Mexicans, Union soldiers, and personal enemies

Lockett, Will (d. 1920) AKA: Petrie Kimbrough DISPOSITION: Hanged Oct. 11, 1878

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): 1912–15 VENUE: Ill./Ind./Ky. VIC-

Lopes, Edmund (1935–)

TIMS: Four confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-

MO: Rape-slayer of women and a 10-year-old girl tic

DISPOSITION: Executed in Ky. on one count, Mar.

DATES(S): 1966/70 VENUE: Bloomingdale, Ill.

11, 1920

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Baptist minister; “Bluebeard” slayer of wife and **Lockhart, Michael Lee** (1945–97)

girlfriend

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DISPOSITION: 20 years for attempted murder, 1971; DATES(S): 1987 VENUE: Ind./Tex./Fla./Tenn. VIC-50–99 years for murder, 1972 (paroled, 1983);

TIMS: Six+ suspected

arrested as parole violator, Jan. 1992 (released MO: Rape-slayer of girls; killed police officer resisting again, May 1992)

arrest

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts in Ind. and **Lord, Brian Keith** (1961–)

one in Tex.; executed in Tex., Dec. 9, 1997

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sex

DATE(S): 1975/1986 VENUE: Calif./Wash. VIC-

Locusta (d. 69 A.D.)

TIMS: Two

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

MO: Shot a family friend at age 14; kidnapped his sis-DATE(S): 54–68 VENUE: Rome VICTIMS: More

ter-in-law at 20; raped and murdered a teenage girl than three

in 1986

MO: Hired poisoner of royal victims

DISPOSITION: Detained as a juvenile, 1975–76;

DISPOSITION: Executed in the Colosseum, Jan. 9, imprisoned for kidnapping, 1980–83; condemned in 1969

1987; death sentence commuted, 1997; conviction overturned on appeal, 1999; convicted second time, **Long, David** (1953–99)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

April 30, 2003; received life prison term

DATE(S): 1978–86 VENUE: Calif./Tex. VICTIMS:

Five

Lott, Ronald C. (1961–)

MO: Killed three roommates with a hatchet (1986); SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

subsequently confessed the murders of a gas station DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Oklahoma City, Okla.

attendant (1978) and former employer (1983)

VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Executed on three counts, Dec. 8, 1999

MO: Serial rapist of women aged 74–92; two of four known victims suffocated in their homes; innocent **Long, Neal Bradley** (1927–)

suspect Robert Lee Miller Jr. served 11 years for the SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-murders before DNA linked Lott to the slayings extremist

DISPOSITION: 25 years for guilty plea on two rapes, DATES(S): 1972–75 VENUE: Dayton, Ohio VIC-1987; condemned on two murder counts, January

TIMS: Seven

2002

MO: Random shootings motivated by racism

DISPOSITION: Consecutive life terms on two counts, **Louis, Emile** (1934–)

1975

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1977–79 VENUE: Rouvray, France VIC-
Long, Steven (d. 1868)
TIMS: Seven confessed
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
MO: Ex-soldier and serial rapist of females, various DATES(S): 1860s VENUE: Wyo. VICTIMS: Eight+
ages; suspected of 11 murders; confessed seven in MO: Gunfighter, outlaw, and occasional lawman
police custody; all known victims were mentally dis-DISPOSITION: Lynched by vigilantes, Oct. 1868
abled

DISPOSITION: Served two terms for child abuse, MO: Killed his wife, mother-in-law, and girlfriend 1979–83 and 1989–93; on March 26, 2004 received DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1986 (escaped 1993) a 20-year sentence for repeatedly drugging and raping his wife and stepdaughter in the 1990s; 10-year **Lumbrera, Diana** (1957–)
statute of limitations on murder precluded prosecu-SEX: F RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
tion despite confession of seven homicides, made to cific
police in 2000
DATES(S): 1976–90 VENUE: Tex./Kans. VICTIMS:
Seven
Loutriotis, Sotiria (1939–)
MO: Mother who killed her own children
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
DISPOSITION: Life terms in Kans. and Tex., 1990
cific
DATE(S): 198?/2000 VENUE: Kalambaka, Greece
Lusk, Bobby E. (1951–)
VICTIMS: Two
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
MO: Killed her son and husband with axes in separate DATES(S): 1976–78 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two
incidents

MO: Suffocated holdup victim; murdered fellow

DISPOSITION: Life prison term for son's murder; inmate

released Oct. 1999; killed husband in June 2000; DISPOSITION: Two life terms, 1977; life term on sec-returned to asylum on new charge

ond count, 1980

Lovett, William (1892–1923) AKA: Wild Bill **Luther, Thomas Edward** (1957–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): c. 1916–23 VENUE: New York City

DATES(S): 1970s–94 VENUE: Vt./Colo./W.Va./Pa.

VICTIMS: "Numerous"

VICTIMS: 9+ suspected

MO: Violent leader of Irish "White Hand" racketeers MO: Rape-slayer of women

DISPOSITION: Murdered by rival thugs, Oct. 31, DISPOSITION: 15–35 years for rape in W. Va., 1995; 1923

48 years for one count of murder in Colo., 1996; two 50-year terms for assault and attempted murder **Lowe, Joseph** (1846–99) AKA: Rowdy Joe

in Colo., 1996

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATES(S): 1860s–99 VENUE: Kans./Tex./Ariz./Colo.

Lyles, Anjette Donovan (1917–77)

VICTIMS: "Several"

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

MO: Alleged member of "QUANTRILL'S RAIDERS" dur-cific

ing Civil War; later pimp/gambler/gunman

DATES(S): 1952–57 VENUE: Macon, Ga. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Killed in gunfight, Denver, Colo., 1899

TIMS: Four

MO: Voodoo practitioner and "black widow" poisoner **Lucas, David Allen** (1956–)

of two husbands, mother-in-law, and a daughter SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1958; ruled DATES(S): 1979–84 VENUE: San Diego, Calif.

insane and sent to state hospital in 1960; died there VICTIMS: Six suspected

in Dec. 1977

MO: Rape-slayer of women and children

DISPOSITION: Condemned on three counts, 1989

Lynch, John (1813–42) AKA: Berrima Ax Murderer SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

Ludke, Bruno (1909–44)

DATE(S): 1835/1841–42 VENUE: Berrima, Australia SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

VICTIMS: Ten

DATES(S): 1928–43 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

MO: Career criminal who killed at least one man while 85 confessed

riding with a gang of bush rangers; subsequently MO: Rape-slayer of females

killed nine neighbors with an ax

DISPOSITION: Died under Nazi experimentation, Apr.

DISPOSITION: Acquitted of murder despite his confes-8, 1944

sion in 1835 (two other gang members were hanged for the crime); hanged for later slayings on April 22, **Luft, Lothar** (1941–)

1842

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATES(S): 1986 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

M., Henryk (1943–?)

Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATES(S): 1986/92 VENUE: Piotrkow Trybunalski, **Mackay, Patrick David** (1952–)

Poland VICTIMS: Seven

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Shot robbery victims in cold blood

specific

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1993

DATES(S): 1974–75 VENUE: Middlesex, England

VICTIMS: 11 suspected

MO: Psychopath obsessed with Nazism; stabbed/axed **Maake, Maupa Cedric** (1963–) AKA: Wemmer Pan victims of both sexes, age 17–89

Killer

DISPOSITION: Life sentence following guilty plea on SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex/CE

three counts of manslaughter; two other counts DATE(S): 1995–97 VENUE: Wemmer Pan, South

dropped in plea bargain

Africa VICTIMS: 34

MO: Attacked couples making love in rural areas, rob-Macon, Ronald (1964–)

bing them and raping the women before killing

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

both; ultimately charged with 24 murders, 28

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:

attempted murders, 15 rapes, 46 robberies, and vari-Three

ous lesser charges

MO: While jailed for the rape of his former babysitter, DISPOSITION: Received prison terms totaling 1,340

DNA evidence linked Macon to the rape-murders of years on March 14, 2000, for 27 murders and 88

three South Side women

lesser charges

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on three counts;

received three life terms, September 2003

MacDonald, William (1926–) AKA: Sydney Mutilator

Madden, Owen (1892–1965) AKA: Owney the Killer SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sad./PC-

DATES(S): 1909–32 VENUE: New York City VIC-

revenge

TIMS: “Numerous”

DATES(S): 1961–62 VENUE: Sydney, Australia

MO: British-born gangster of Prohibition era

VICTIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Eight years for one count in N.Y., MO: “Ripper” of gay males; allegedly sought revenge 1915–23; retired from mob in 1940s; died

in Ark., for homosexual rape in his teens

1965

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1962; later ruled insane and moved to an asylum

Magliolo, Michael Scott (1960–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Macek, Richard O. (1948–) AKA: Mad Biter DATES(S): 1977–91 VENUE:

SEX: M

RACE: W

TYPE: N

MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Tenn./Ohio/Tex./Pa./La./Ark. VICTIMS: 10+ sus-

DATES(S): 1974–75 VENUE: Wis./Ill. VICTIMS:

pected

Three

MO: Transient rape-slayer of young women; also sus-MO: Rape-slayer and mutilator of females age three to 26

pected of killing his half-brother

DISPOSITION: Indefinite sentence to Wis. asylum as DISPOSITION: Life + 50 years in Tenn., 1993; 15

deranged sex offender, 1976; 50–75 years in Ill. on years to life in Ohio, 1993

one count, 1976; Wis. life term on guilty plea to one count, 1977; 30 years for rape in Wis. and 200–400

Magoon, Seymour (?–?) AKA: Blue Jaw

years for two Ill. murder counts, 1980

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATES(S): 1931–40 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

“Numerous”

MacGregor, Dr. Robert (1879–1928)

MO: Contract killer for “Murder, Inc.”

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Immunity granted in return for testimony DATES(S): 1909–11 VENUE: Ubly, Mich. VICTIMS: Three

Mahlanga, David (1957–)

MO: Killed his lover's husband and two sons for insur-SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

ance

DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Malkerns, Swaziland

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1912 (pardoned by gov-VICTIMS: 34

ernor, 1916); remained as prison physician until his MO: Decapitated 33 women and one child as revenge death

for conviction on a previous rape charge; rural

graves found during police search for serial killer MO: Son of convicted molester; rape-slayer of females Bongani Vilakati

age 15–30

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DISPOSITION: Concurrent life terms in Calif. and Fla.

Maione, Harry (d. 1942) AKA: Happy

Manso, Gerardo Marten (1957–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATES(S): 1931–40 VENUE: Eastern USA VIC-

DATES(S): 1991/93 VENUE: Dade County, Fla.

TIMS: 12+

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Contract killer for "MURDER, INC."

MO: Shot wife's suspected lover; shot employees at his DISPOSITION: Executed at Sing Sing, Feb. 19, 1942

job

DISPOSITION: 22 years on one count, 1994; con-

Majors, Orvill Lynn, Jr. (1961–)

demned on second count + four life terms for

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.

attempted murder, 1995

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Linton, Ind. VICTIMS:

More than six

Manuel, Peter Thomas Anthony (1927–58)

MO: Nurse who killed patients at Vermillion County SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

Hospital with lethal injections; indicted for murder-DATES(S): 1956–58 VENUE: Scotland/England

ing six of 120 who died in his care

VICTIMS: 9–12

DISPOSITION: Convicted on six counts; received 65-MO: Career criminal; murdered victims during robberies year sentence on Nov. 15, 1999

DISPOSITION: Hanged in Glasgow, July 11, 1958

Malarkey, Johnnie (1970–)

Marbley, Odell (1955–)

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATES(S): 1977/80 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind.

DATE(S): 1993–98 VENUE: Fresno, Calif. VIC-

VICTIMS: Two

TIMS: 11

MO: Bludgeoned girlfriend's four-year-old son; shot MO: Jailed in 1998 for helping his sister commit a male acquaintance

murder, he confessed 10 more slayings from 1993: DISPOSITION: Served 15 years on murder convictions seven victims shot during a bar robbery, three others killed in separate attacks

Marcus, Jerry (1951–)

DISPOSITION: Life prison term

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): 1971–87 VENUE: Ala./Miss./Tenn./Ga.

Malevre, Christine (1970–)

VICTIMS: 15 suspected

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-"mercy"

MO: Transient rape-slayer of women

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Mantes-la-Jolie, France DISPOSITION: Confessed seven murders; life term on VICTIMS: 30 confessed

one count in Ala., 1988

MO: Nurse who euthanized elderly patients at

François-Quesnay Hospital, allegedly complying **Marek, Marthe** (1904–38)

with requests from the patients or their families SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Received 10-year prison term for six DATES(S): 1920–37 VENUE: Vienna, Austria VIC-slayings, Jan. 31, 2003

TIMS: Four

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands and others, **Malone, Victor** (?–)

for insurance

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Beheaded, Dec. 6, 1938

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VICTIMS:

Three

Marjek, Ali (1958–77)

MO: Rape-slayer of female prostitutes

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Life terms imposed on three murder DATES(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Syria VICTIMS:

counts

Three

MO: Pedophile rape-slayer of young boys

Mansfield, William, Jr. (1956–)

DISPOSITION: Hanged Mar. 27, 1977

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): 1980–81 VENUE: Fla./Calif. VICTIMS:

Marquette, Richard Lawrence (1935–)

five+

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATES(S): 1961/75 VENUE: Portland/Salem, Ore.

year sentence with credit for four years already VICTIMS: Three

served

MO: Dismembered adult female victims

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on first count (paroled **Mashiane, Johannes** (d. 1989) AKA: Beast of 1975); life term on second count, 1975

Atteridgeville

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

Marshall, Robert Wayne (1955–92)

DATES(S): 1982/88–89 VENUE: Atteridgeville,

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
South Africa VICTIMS: 13
DATES(S): 1988–92 VENUE: Pittsbugh, Pa. VIC-
MO: Killed girlfriend (1982); sodomized and
TIMS: Two
stoned/strangled young boys
MO: Gay alcoholic; dismembered male victims
DISPOSITION: Five years for first murder; killed by DISPOSITION: Suicide to avoid arrest, May 15, 1992
bus fleeing scene of attack on 13th child (possible suicide)

Martin, James Lindsay (1955–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

Mashowo, Lanelo (?–)
DATES(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Nev./Calif. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
Two
DATE(S): 1996–98 VENUE: Zambia VICTIMS: 30
MO: Career criminal; shot 68-year-old woman and 91-suspected
year-old man in holdups
MO: Killed family of three in 1996; other crimes DISPOSITION: Life term in Calif., 1993
unspecified
DISPOSITION: Convicted of triple murder, 1996; sent **Martin, Lee Roy** (1937–72)
to asylum (escaped days after arrival); arrested for SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
later crimes on Feb. 12, 1999; disposition unknown DATES(S): 1967–68 VENUE: Gaffney, S.C. VIC-Maslich, Andrei (?–)
TIMS: Four
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
MO: Strangled females age 14–32
DATES(S): 1990s VENUE: Siberia, Russia VIC-
DISPOSITION: Four life terms; murdered in prison, TIMS: Four
May 1972
MO: Imprisoned for two murders; killed/cannibalized cellmates in two separate incidents

Martin, Rhonda Belle (1907–57)

DISPOSITION: Condemned 1995 for killing one cellSEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domestic

mate; condemned on second count, 1996

DATES(S): 1934–55 VENUE: Ubly, Mich. VIC-

TIMS: Seven confessed

Mason, David Edwin (1957–93)

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands, mother, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

children

DATES(S): 1980/82 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Executed Oct. 11, 1957

MO: Robbed/bludgeoned elderly women (1980); killed cellmate while awaiting trial

Martino, Alfonso de (?–)

DISPOSITION: Executed Aug. 24, 1993

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Matajke, Dorothy (?–)

DATES(S): 1993–94 VENUE: Frosinone, Italy VIC-

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: Four

DATES(S): 1972–86 VENUE: Iowa/Ark. VICTIMS:

MO: Nurse who killed hospital patients with curare Three+

DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown

MO: Live-in “nurse” who robbed and poisoned elderly clients

Martorano, John (1941–)

DISPOSITION: Life + 60 years on two counts in Ark., SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

1987.

DATE(S): 1981–99 VENUE: Mass./Fla./Okla. VIC-

TIMS: 20 confessed

Matenjwa, Elvis (d. 2004)

MO: Contract killer for Boston’s Winter Hill Gang SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-who turned state’s evidence in 1995; pled guilty to specific

10 murders and various lesser charges in October DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Esikhawini, South Africa

1999; in exchange for testimony, received a 121/2-VICTIMS: Two

MO: Cannibal slayer of women, arrested when remains **Maturino Resendiz, Angel** (1959–)

of a missing 46-year-old victim were found cooking SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex/CE-at his home

felony

DISPOSITION: Arrested in September 2003, then

DATE(S): 1997–99

VENUE: Tex./Ky./Ill.

released on bail pending further investigation; died VICTIMS: 11

of gastroenteritis at local hospital, Sept. 27, 2004

MO: Mexican national deported from the United

States at least 10 times between 1985 and 1999; **Mateo, Angel** (?–)

traveled widely by train, killing random victims who SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

lived near railroad lines; identified victims include DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Rochester, N.Y. VIC-six in Texas, two in Florida, two in Illinois, and one TIMS: Four

in Kentucky

MO: Shot male victims, including two drug dealers and DISPOSITION: Received 20-year sentence for burglary two personal enemies

in Miami, 1979; paroled September 1985; con-

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1999; sendemned on one murder count in Texas, May 22,

tence reduced to life on appeal, August 2004

2000; immunity granted upon confession of two

Florida slayings

Mather, David (1845–?) AKA: Mysterious Dave SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

Maudsley, Robert (1953–)

DATES(S): 1970s–80s VENUE: Kans./N. Mex./Tex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

VICTIMS: 14+

DATE(S): 1974–78 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

MO: Outlaw, gunfighter, and occasional lawman

Four

DISPOSITION: Allegedly returned to native Canada, MO: Killed and robbed a gay man in London for drug late 1880s

money, while working as a male prostitute (1974); subsequently murdered fellow inmates at a mental **Matta, Chander** (1969–)

hospital (1977) and prison (1978)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Committed to Broadsmoor asylum in DATES(S): 1989–90 VENUE: D.C./Va. VICTIMS:

1974; transferred to Wakefield prison after second Three confessed

murder; sentenced to indefinite solitary confinement MO: Shot/bludgeoned/strangled blond female prostitutes after last two murders

DISPOSITION: Life term without parole, 1991

Maury, Robert Edward (1956–)

Matteucci, Andrea (?–) AKA: Monster of Aosta SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DATES(S): 1980–95 VENUE: Aosta/Puglia, Italy

DATES(S): 1985–87 VENUE: Redding, Calif. VIC-

VICTIMS: Six+

TIMS: Three

MO: Lust slayer of female prostitutes and one gay MO: Strangled women and collected “secret witness”

man; bodies burned

rewards for directing police to their corpses

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on four counts; sentence DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1989

unknown

Maxwell, Bobby Joe (1945–) AKA: Skid Row Stab-Matthews, Ynobe Katron (1976–2004)

ber

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Brazos County, Tex.

cific

VICTIMS: Two

DATES(S): 1978 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

MO: Sexually assaulted several females, killing two TIMS: 10
whose bodies were dumped in rural areas
MO: Occultist and ritual slayer of homeless men DISPOSITION: Executed on one count, Jan. 6, 2004
DISPOSITION: Life term on two counts, 1984
Mattson, Michael Dee (1953–)
May, Cheryl (1965–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-"mercy"
DATES(S): 1978 VENUE: Los Angeles area VIC-
DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Fort Wayne, Ind. VIC-
TIMS: Two
TIMS: Six suspected
MO: Strangled girls age nine and 16
MO: Nurse accused of killing comatose/terminal DISPOSITION: Condemned
patients with morphine

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to reckless endanger-McErlane, Frank (d. 1932)
ment in the death of one patient who died following SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
a morphine overdose; maximum sentence eight
DATES(S): 1920–32 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
years; prosecutors dismissed one murder count and TIMS: 15+
closed other homicide investigations as part of plea MO: Psychotic racketeer; introduced the tommy gun to bargain
gangland warfare in 1925
DISPOSITION: Died of pneumonia, 1932
Mazurkiewicz, Wladislaw (1911–57) AKA: Gentleman Murderer
McFadden, Jerry Walter (1948–99)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATES(S): 1950s VENUE: Cracow, Poland VIC-
DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Hawkins, Tex. VICTIMS:
TIMS: 30 confessed

Three

MO: Home-invading robber who murdered victims of MO: Serial rapist on parole from multiple convictions both sexes

when he killed three female victims

DISPOSITION: Hanged Jan. 31, 1957

DISPOSITION: Executed on one count, Oct. 14, 1999

McCaffery, Archibald Beattie (1949–) AKA: Mad **McFadden, Reginald** (1954–)

Dog

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATE(S): 1970/1994 VENUE: Pa./N.Y. VICTIMS:

specific

Four alleged

DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Sydney, Australia VIC-

MO: Rape-slayer of women and one woman's male

TIMS: Three

companion

MO: Career criminal who plotted seven murders to DISPOSITION: Served 24 years on first murder convic-resurrect his dead infant son; arrested after killing tion (1970–94); received two life terms for subse-three men selected at random

quent slayings, plus consecutive terms for rape and DISPOSITION: Received three life terms at trial, 1974; robbery

paroled 1993; after further legal problems, deported to his native Scotland on May 1, 1997; charged with **McGinlay, Joseph** (1955–)

abduction, assault, and breach of peace at Hawick, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Scotland, in April 2004

DATES(S): 1973/96 VENUE: Scotland VICTIMS:

Two

McCarty, Henry (1859–81) AKA: William H. Bonney MO: Lust killer of females age 16 and 23

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

DISPOSITION: Life term, 1973 (paroled 1996); life DATES(S): 1877–81 VENUE: Ariz./N. Mex. VIC-term, 1997

TIMS: Four to 10

MO: Old West gunfighter, outlaw, and feudist in range **McGinnis, Virginia** [*See* REARDEN, VIRGINIA]

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wars
DISPOSITION: Shot July 10, 1881
McGown, Dr. Richard (1937–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC
McDuff, Kenneth Allen (1946–98)
DATES(S): 1986–92 VENUE: Harare, Zimbabwe
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
VICTIMS: Five alleged
DATES(S): 1966/1991–92 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS:
MO: Overdosed hospital patients with morphine in Nine suspected
"experiments"
MO: Killed three teens, 1966; rape slayer of women, DISPOSITION: Six-month sentence for two "negli-1991–92
gent" deaths, 1995
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1966 (commuted to life, 1972; paroled 1990); condemned on one count,
McGray, Michael Wayne (1964–)
1993; executed Nov. 17, 1998
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:
ACCOMPLICES: Roy Dale Green (1948–), served
Sex/CE/PC
13 years of 31-year sentence for his part in 1966
DATE(S): 1983–98 VENUE: Canada/Wash. VIC-
triple murder; Alva Hank Worley (1958–), con-
TIMS: 16 confessed
fessed participation in one 1992 kidnapping,
MO: Drifter who killed victims of both sexes in ran-granted immunity for turning state's evidence.
dom violent encounters

DISPOSITION: Convicted of six murders in separate DISPOSITION: Served 21 years in Mich. for murder of trials across Canada during 2000–01; received con-eight-year-old boy (paroled 1971); convicted on sec-current terms of 25 years to life in each case ond count in Mich., 1998; life sentence in Fla., Jan.
4, 1999

McGurn, Jack [*See* GIBALDI, VINCENZO]

McSparen, Mildred (d. 1988)

McKinney, James (1861–1902)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

cific

DATES(S): 1880s–1902 VENUE: Colo./Calif. VIC-

DATES(S): 1981 VENUE: Lomax, Ill. VICTIMS:

TIMS: “Several”

Two

MO: Psychopathic outlaw/gunman

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of two young children DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with authorities, DISPOSITION: Attempted jailhouse suicide by hang-Apr. 18, 1902

ing, Dec. 4, 1981; comatose from hanging until death in hospital from pneumonia, Nov. 4, 1988

McKnight, Anthony (1954–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Meach, Charles L., III (?–)

DATES(S): 1984–86 VENUE: Oakland, Calif. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

TIMS: Seven suspected

DATES(S): 1973–82 VENUE: Anchorage, Alaska

MO: Rape slayer of women, including several prosti-VICTIMS: Five

tutes

MO: Bludgeoned man in park; shot four teen campers DISPOSITION: Never charged with murder; 63 years who caught him stealing from their tent

for rape and attempted murder of six women who DISPOSITION: Acquitted on grounds of insanity, survived attacks, 1987

1973; 396 years without parole four counts, 1983

McKoy, Lamon (1988–)

Meade, Harold (1948–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Geneva, N.Y. VICTIMS:

specific

Two

DATE(S): 1969/1992 VENUE: New Haven, Conn.

MO: Rape-slayer of females age 14 and 18; one victim VICTIMS: Four suspected

was his cousin

MO: Bludgeon slayer of three mentally retarded DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty and accepted sentence youths, suspected of a fourth killing while on work of 20 years to life, Dec. 17, 2004

furlough from prison

DISPOSITION: Life term on three counts; no charges **McLean, Ralph** (1966–95)

filed in fourth case

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATES(S): 1995 VENUE: Md./D.C. VICTIMS:

Meadows, Johnny (1937–)

Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: “Cop hater” who shot lawmen from ambush

DATES(S): 1968–71 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Killed resisting arrest, May 29, 1995

confessed

MO: Lust killer of adult females

McManus, Fred (1935–)

DISPOSITION: 99 years on guilty plea to one count, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

1972

DATES(S): 1953 VENUE: N.Y./Ill./Iowa/Minn.

VICTIMS: Five

Medina, Teofilo, Jr. (1943–)

MO: Thrill-killer of holdup victims in four states SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Life sentence in N.Y. on one count, DATES(S): 1984 VENUE: Orange County, Calif.

1953

VICTIMS: Three

MO: Paroled rapist; shot three young men in holdups **McRae, John Rodney** (1935–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1987

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): 1950–87 VENUE: Mich./Fla. VICTIMS:

Medley, Joseph D. (1903–48)

Four suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Convicted pedophile slayer of two boys; sus-DATES(S): 1940s VENUE: D.C./Midwest VIC-

pected of two more

TIMS: Three+ suspected

MO: Robbed/murdered women

MO: Killed/scalped woman; shot policeman who

DISPOSITION: Executed in Washington, D.C., on one stopped his car

count, Dec. 20, 1948

DISPOSITION: Killed while attempting escape from custody, Apr. 26, 1985

Medrano, Juan Martin (1955–) AKA: The Jackal SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

Mengele, Dr. Josef (1911–79?)

DATE(S): 1970s VENUE: U.S./Mexico VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sad./PC-

32 confessed

extremist

MO: Contract killer for Mexican crime syndicates who DATES(S): 1943–45 VENUE: Auschwitz, Poland

admitted 25 murders in Mexico and seven in three VICTIMS: Dozens

U.S. states

MO: Nazi physician who murdered concentration

DISPOSITION: Life sentence in Texas, 1978, after con-camp inmates in personal fits of rage, killing others fessing seven murders in Texas, Alabama, and Mex-in the course of weird medical experiments; person-ico; transferred to Mexico in a Dec. 1980 prisoner ally ordered execution of hundreds more, including exchange; released in Mexico, 1984; arrested for 300 children burned alive in one incident

drugs in Texas, Dec. 2001; received a life prison DISPOSITION: Fled to South America after World term after confessing 25 more slayings, including 23

War II; allegedly suffered heart attack while swim-in Mexico and two in Florida

ming and drowned, 1979

Meeks, Douglas Ray (1953–)

Mentzer, William (?–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATES(S): 1974 VENUE: Taylor County, Fla. VIC-

DATES(S): 1974–88 VENUE: Calif./N.Y./Fla. VIC-

TIMS: Two

TIMS: Five+ suspected

MO: Killed two victims in personal disputes

MO: Contract killer with ties to drug syndicates; also DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1975

named by DAVID BERKOWITZ as participant in

satanic cult murders

Melton, Antonio Lebaron (1972–)

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on two counts in SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Calif., 1991

DATES(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Escambia County, Fla.

VICTIMS: Two

Menzi, Kurt (1962–)

MO: Killed holdup victims

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1991; conDATES(S): 1983–84 VENUE: St. Gallen, Switzerland demned on second, 1992

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Rape-slayer of girls age 10 and 18

Menarik, Carl (1889–?)

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1985

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Merrett, John Donald (1908–54)

DATES(S): 1914 VENUE: Yonkers, N.Y. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC
Eight confessed
DATES(S): 1926/54 VENUE: Scotland/England
MO: Austrian immigrant, poisoned patients at rest VICTIMS: Three confessed
home where he worked
MO: Smuggler who killed his mother (1926); later DISPOSITION: Confined to asylum, 1915; escaped killed his estranged wife and mother-in-law (1954) 1916; never found
DISPOSITION: Acquitted, 1926; suicide by gunshot on Feb. 17, 1954
Mendoza, Ivan (1966–)
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Mesa, Joseph, Jr. (1980–)
DATES(S): 1981–82 VENUE: New York City VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE-felony
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: Washington, D.C.
MO: Stabbed women during robberies
VICTIMS: Two
DISPOSITION: Convicted on both counts, 1983
MO: Deaf student at Gallaudet University, who
beat/stabbed two male fellow students, both age 19, **Mengel, Alex J.** (1955–85)
in their dormitory rooms during attempted robberies SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE
DISPOSITION: Convicted on two counts in May
DATES(S): 1985 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: Two
2002; received life prison term

Metheny, Joe Roy (1955–)
Miller, Gerald Wesley (1936–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domestic
DATES(S): 1976–95 VENUE: Baltimore, Md. VIC-
DATES(S): 1984/89 VENUE: Salem, Ore. VIC-

TIMS: 10 confessed

TIMS: Two

MO: Admitted mutilation-murders of men and women MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of wives

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1997; con-DISPOSITION: Life term on two counts, 1993

demned on second count, 1998; death sentence

overturned on appeal, July 2000

Miller, Hugh (1969–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Meyer, Thomas (1961–)

DATES(S): 1995 VENUE: Burlington City, N.J.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

VICTIMS: Three

DATES(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Bonna, Germany

MO: Shot his mother, ex-girlfriend, and a male VICTIMS: Three

acquaintance

MO: Home invader; killed females age 13–37 and set DISPOSITION: Three consecutive life terms, 1998

fires

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on three counts, 1988

Miller, James B. (1861–1909) AKA: Killin’ Jim SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

Mfeka, Samuel Bongani (?–)

DATES(S): 1883–1909 VENUE: Ark./Tex./N.

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Mex./Okla. VICTIMS: 40–50 claimed

DATES(S): 1993–96 VENUE: KwaZulu Natal, South

MO: Gunfighter and hired killer; occasional lawman Africa VICTIMS: Six

DISPOSITION: Lynched in Okla., Apr. 19, 1909

MO: Rape-slayer of women; also suspect in “NASREC

STRANGLER” case

Miller, John Lawrence (1942–)

DISPOSITION: Confessed six counts at arrest, Sept.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

1996

specific

DATES(S): 1957/75 VENUE: Los Angeles County,

Middleton, David (1961–)

Calif. VICTIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

MO: Bludgeoned an infant, 1957; shot his parents, DATES(S): 1993–95 VENUE: Colo./Nev. VICTIMS:

1975

Three

DISPOSITION: Convicted of murder, 1958 (paroled MO: Ex-cop and paroled rapist; sex-slayer of women 1975); life term, 1975

age 18–45; torture devices found in his home

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts in Nev.,

Miller, Joseph D. (1965–)

1997

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1987–90 VENUE: Dauphin and Perry

Miller, Donald Gene (1955–)

Counties, Pa. VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Rape-slayer of women discarded at local trash DATES(S): 1978 VENUE: Lansing, Mich. VIC-dumps; led police to graves and confessed four slay-TIMS: Four confessed

ings after arrested for assault in 1992

MO: Rapist who killed his fiancée and three other DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts; life term women

on a third count; death sentence commuted on

DISPOSITION: 30–50 years for rape and attempted appeal, Dec. 18, 2002

murder of surviving victims, 1978; 15 years on plea bargain to voluntary manslaughter, 1979

Miller, Joseph Robert (1954–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Miller, George Thaxton (1900–)

DATES(S): 1976–77/1993 VENUE: Ill. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

Four

extremist

MO: Strangler of prostitutes in Chicago (1970s) and DATES(S): 1926 VENUE: Crenshaw County, Ala.

Peoria

VICTIMS: Two admitted

DISPOSITION: Served 15 years for first two kills; con-MO: Ku Klux Klansman; shot black men “in self-

demned, 1994; sentence commuted to life, 2003

defense”

DISPOSITION: Claimed acquittals by all-white juries **Miller, Vernon C.** (d. 1933)

(records lost)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATES(S): 1925–33 VENUE: Midwest USA VIC-

MO: Schizophrenic released from mental hospital three TIMS: “Numerous”

days before he killed a married couple in their home; MO: War-hero lawman turned contract killer

later strangled and dismembered his father

DISPOSITION: Murdered by gangland associates,

DISPOSITION: Life sentence reduced to 10-year mini-Nov. 28, 1933

mum on appeal; attempted to strangle fellow

inmate, April 2000

Miller, Walter (d. 1870)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Mitchell, Roy (1892–1923)

DATES(S): 1870 VENUE: Chelsea, England VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

TIMS: Two

DATES(S): 1909–11 VENUE: Waco, Tex. VIC-

MO: Robbed/killed elderly victims in their homes TIMS: Five confessed

DISPOSITION: Confessed two counts and was hanged MO: Killed constable with an ax; attacked couples in lover’s lane; at least one rape

Minghella, Maurizio (?–) AKA: Strangler of DISPOSITION: Hanged July 30, 1923

Valpocevera

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Mitchell, Tony Garrett (1979–)

DATES(S): 1978 VENUE: Valpocevera, Italy VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Four

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. VIC-

MO: Rape-slayer of young women

TIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Life sentence

MO: Kidnapped and shot three black women, killing two; bodies dumped within a one-mile radius in **Minow, Paul** (?–?)

wooded area

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on two murder counts to specific

avoid death sentence, Nov. 4, 2002; received two DATES(S): 1907 VENUE: Berlin, Germany VIC-consecutive life terms; pled guilty on one count of TIMS: Three

attempted murder, Jan. 3, 2003

MO: Epileptic “ripper” of girls, all under five years old DISPOSITION: Confessed, Nov. 1907; sentence

Mmbengwa, David (?–)

unknown

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1991/1996 VENUE: Pietersburg, South

Mirabella, John (1905–55)

Africa VICTIMS: Eight

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Armed robber who preyed on couples making

DATES(S): 1920s–40s VENUE: Mich./Ohio VIC-

love in wooded areas outside town

TIMS: “Numerous”

DISPOSITION: Convicted of culpable homicide,

MO: Alcoholic Mafia hit man

December 1991; served four years of a six-year DISPOSITION: Died of cirrhosis, 1955

term; on Aug. 2, 2001 received seven life terms for murder plus 46 years on various lesser charges **Mirshekari, Yaghoub Ali** (1957–2005) AKA: Yellow Scorpion

Modeno, Mariano (d. 1878)

SEX: M TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Zahedan, Iran VIC-

DATES(S): 1830s–78 VENUE: Rocky Mountains

TIMS: 10

VICTIMS: 100+

MO: Shot and stabbed truck drivers, then stole and MO: "Mountain man" and "endless killer" of Indians sold their trucks

DISPOSITION: Died of natural causes, 1878

DISPOSITION: Hanged on June 12, 2005; five accomplices, all members of his immediate family, were **Modzieliewski, Stanislav** (?–)

sentenced to prison for lesser offenses

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATES(S): 1960s VENUE: Lødz, Poland VICTIMS:

Mitchell, Jason (1972–)

Seven

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: "Vampire" slayer of women; six other victims specific

survived

DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Bramford, England VIC-

DISPOSITION: Convicted of seven murders and six TIMS: Three

attempted murders, 1969

Moffett, Jessie Ray (1959–98)

DISPOSITION: Received life terms without parole on SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

two counts, April 2001; Donald Moody received a DATES(S): 1979/87 VENUE: San Diego, Calif.

life term on one count, plus five years as an acces-VICTIMS: Two

sory on a second count

MO: Bludgeoned young woman (1979); shot security guard in holdup

Moody, Robert Joe (1959–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1992; died in prison May SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

2, 1998

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Tucson, Ariz. VICTIMS:

Two

Mofokeng, Sylvester (1972–)

MO: Killed and robbed women during home invasions, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

to support drug habit

DATES(S): 1990s VENUE: Johannesburg, South

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, June 1995; Africa VICTIMS: 13

retried with same result, May 2001; sentence comMO: Escaped inmate with prior murder conviction; muted on appeal, Aug. 9, 2004

killed 12 more victims during home invasions while at large

Moody, Walter Leroy, Jr. (1945–)

DISPOSITION: Life + 70 years for first murder; 10 life SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-terms + 145 years, 1997

extremist

DATES(S): 1989 VENUE: Ala./Ga. VICTIMS: Two

Molinari, Robert Joseph (1958–)

MO: Racist mail bomber; killed a judge and an attorney SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Life without parole in federal prison; DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: United States VICTIMS:

condemned in Ala., 1997

More than five suspected

MO: Drifter who stabbed, strangled and bludgeoned **Moore, Blanche Taylor** (1933–)

male acquaintances

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count from

DATES(S): 1966– VENUE: Burlington, N.C. VIC-

Miami, Fla., on Feb. 11, 2000; charges pending on a TIMS: Four

Pennsylvania case if paroled

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of father, husband, mother-in-law, and boyfriend

Monahan, Annie (?–?)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1991

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATES(S): 1906–17 VENUE: New Haven, Conn.

Moore, Douglas Donald (1967–2004)

VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands and niece, DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Montreal, Quebec VIC-for insurance

TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1919

MO: Convicted pedophile, charged with 11 new counts of child molestation involving three victims, March **Montgomery, William David** (1963–)

2004; DNA subsequently linked him to the murders SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

of three male victims aged 15–22, found in wooded DATES(S): 1992–93 VENUE: Bensalem Township,

areas around Montreal

Pa. VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Suicide in jail, April 2, 2004; links to MO: Bludgeoned a stripper and a prostitute with claw homicides were discovered posthumously

hammer

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty and received life term, 1994

Moore, Ernest (1973–98)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

Moody, Kenneth (1975–)

DATES(S): 1998 VENUE: Cameron County, Tex.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex

VICTIMS: Four

DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Perry County, Miss. VIC-

MO: Shot two women at girlfriend’s house; later killed TIMS: Three

two policemen

MO: With 14-year-old cousin David Moody, killed a DISPOSITION: Killed resisting arrest, July 7, 1998

27-year-old man, then raped and killed the victim's 21-year-old girlfriend; later the same month, with **Moore, Henry Lee** (?–?)

another cousin, stabbed a male stranger in an

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

argument

specific

DATE(S): 1911–12 VENUE:

Morello, Peter (1880–1930) AKA: The Clutching Kans./Ill./Iowa/Colo./Mo. VICTIMS: 26 suspected Hand

MO: Transient home invader, slaughtered whole fami-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

lies with axes

DATE(S): 1920s VENUE: New York City VIC-

DISPOSITION: Life sentence in Mo. for ax murder of TIMS: "Numerous"

his mother and grandmother, 1912

MO: Mafia "enforcer" and hit man

DISPOSITION: Killed by a man known only as

Moore, Peter (1940–)

"BUSTER FROM CHICAGO," 1930

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Morgan, Daniel (1830–65) AKA: Mad Dan; Mad DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: North Wales, United King-Dog

dom VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

MO: Theater owner and mutilation-slayer of adult DATE(S): 1863–65 VENUE: Australia VICTIMS:

males; blamed his crimes on "Jason" from *Friday* Three

the 13th movie series

MO: Bandit who shot policemen and suspected inform-DISPOSITION: Life term without parole, 1996

ers

DISPOSITION: Ambushed and killed by police on

Moorehead, Steven (1962–)

April 9, 1865

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Steubenville, Ohio VIC-

Morgan, John (d. 1869) AKA: Mad Mose

TIMS: Six confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

MO: Shot female victims after sex; admitted six mur-DATE(S): 1840s–69 VENUE: Rocky Mountains

ders, but local sheriff estimated dead at eight VICTIMS: 100+

DISPOSITION: Accomplice Fred Horner pleaded

MO: Revenge-motivated slayer of Indians; enjoyed dis-guilty to three felony counts and received a three-membering his victims while they lived

year sentence, July 2002; prosecutors waived the DISPOSITION: Killed in battle with Indians, 1869

death penalty for Moorehead in favor of life imprisonment without parole

Morris, Major, Jr. (1954–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Moran, Richard Allen (1954–96)

DATE(S): 1972–76 VENUE: Ill. VICTIMS: Six sus-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

pected

DATE(S): 1984–91 VENUE: Las Vegas, Nev. VIC-

MO: Lust killer of girls age 15–18

TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Confessed one murder; 100–200 years, MO: Murdered holdup victims and his ex-wife

1996

DISPOSITION: Executed on three counts, March 30, 1996

Morris, Cory (1978–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex

Morandini, Vitaline (?–) AKA: Monster of Por-DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Phoenix, Ariz.

toglio

VICTIMS: 5–6

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

MO: Strangled female victims during sex at his home, cific

then dumped bodies nearby. Caught when a relative DATE(S): 1955–56 VENUE: Portoglio, Italy VIC-smelled a corpse in his trailer.

TIMS: 10

DISPOSITION: Condemned on five counts, July 19, MO: Staged "accidents" for selected victims

2005. No charge filed in a sixth suspected case.

DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown

Morris, Raymond Leslie (1929–) AKA: Monster of **Moreau, Pierre-Desiré** (d. 1874)

Cannock Chase

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1870s VENUE: Paris, France VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1965–67 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

Two

Four suspected

MO: Bluebeard pharmacist who poisoned his wives, MO: Pedophile who strangled girls age five to 10

the first in order to marry a rich woman, the second DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1969

for her money

DISPOSITION: Guillotined on Oct. 4, 1874

Mors, Frederick [*See* MENARIK, CARL]

Morse, Hugh Bion (1930–)

DATE(S): 1985/88 VENUE: Bakersfield, Calif. VICSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Three charged

DATE(S): 1959–61 VENUE: Wash./Ala./Minn.

MO: Shot/stabbed/bludgeoned men age 29–73, in their VICTIMS: Four homes

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 28–69; also molested DISPOSITION: Life without parole on one count, 1989

children

DISPOSITION: Double life term in Minn., 1961

Msomi, Elifasi (d. 1956) AKA: Axe Killer SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sad./PC-Morse, Joseph (?–)

nonspecific

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DATE(S): 1950s VENUE: Natal, South Africa VIC-

cific

TIMS: 15

DATE(S): 1960s VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS: Three

MO: Hacked victims to death, allegedly on orders of MO: Killed mother, sister, and stranger selected at ran-tokoloshe spirit that possessed him

dom

DISPOSITION: Hanged, Jan. 1956

DISPOSITION: Condemned (commuted to life, 1972) **Msundwana, Mtimane** (d. 1937) AKA: Loskop Killer **Moseley, Carl Stephen** (1966–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1929–36 VENUE: Natal, South Africa

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Stokes/Forsyth Counties,

VICTIMS: Eight confessed

N.C. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Shotgun slayer of merchants, mostly Indian MO: Raped/stabbed women age 35 and 38

DISPOSITION: Hanged, 1937

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1993

Mudgett, Herman Webster (1860–96) AKA: Henry Howard Holmes

Moseley, Eddie Lee (1947–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

CE/Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1973–87 VENUE: Florida VICTIMS: 12+

DATE(S): 1869–95 VENUE: N.H./Ill. VICTIMS: 27

alleged

confessed

MO: Rape slayer of females aged eight to 54, linked to MO: Suspected of killing childhood playmate; later various murders and nonlethal rapes by

DNA evi-medical student and career criminal specializing in dence

insurance scams; constructed boarding house in DISPOSITION: Confined to state hospital as a danger-Chicago, robbing/killing various tenants (mostly ous offender since 1988; ruled incompetent for trial female), selling some corpses to medical schools for on murder charges, Nov. 20, 2001

dissection; estimates of final body count range from 50 to 200+

Moseley, Winston (1935–)

DISPOSITION: Hanged in Ill., May 7, 1896

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

cific

Mughal, Muhammad Sarwar (?–)

DATE(S): 1963–64 VENUE: Queens, N.Y. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extremist

TIMS: Three confessed

DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Gujranwala, India

MO: Thrill-killer of females age 15–29

VICTIMS: Three confessed

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1964 (com-MO: Religious fanatic who murdered female prosti-muted to life, 1972)

tutes in protest of police inaction against vice DISPOSITION: Unknown

Motto, Alberto (?–) AKA: Monster of Vimercate SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Mukhankin, Vladimir (1960–)

DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Vimercate, Italy VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: “Several”

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Rostov-on-Don, Russia

MO: Confessed 11 sexual assaults; “several” victims VICTIMS: Eight strangled

MO: Lust killer of women

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty; sentence unknown

DISPOSITION: Condemned after guilty plea, 1997

Mount, Kenneth Eugene (?–)

Mu’Min, Dawud Majid (1952–97)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DATE(S): 1973/88 VENUE: Va. VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Takhar, Afghanistan
MO: Killed cab driver in holdup; raped/stabbed woman VICTIMS: Three
DISPOSITION: 48-year sentence, 1973 (escaped
MO: Kidnapped and raped four women, killing three 1988); condemned, 1989; executed Nov. 13, 1997
DISPOSITION: Hanged on Aug. 27, 2000

Murdock, Kenneth (1963)

Nance, Wayne Nathan (1955–85)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1985–97 VENUE: Ontario, Canada VIC-
DATE(S): 1974–86 VENUE: Mont. VICTIMS: Six
TIMS: Three+
suspected
MO: Contract killer for Canadian Mafia family
MO: Shot/stabbed females age 15–39
DISPOSITION: Life term with 13-year minimum on DISPOSITION: Fatally shot during home invasion, three counts, 1998
Sept. 4, 1986

Murphy, Charles (1887–?)

Napoletano, Eric Ernest (1965–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1921/30 VENUE: Wash. VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1984–90 VENUE: Pa./N.Y./Del. VIC-
MO: Bludgeoned/robbed employer (1921); murdered TIMS: Three alleged
wife (1930)
MO: Prime suspect in mutilation-slaying of his 15-year-DISPOSITION: Confessed wife’s murder; 60–75 years, old girlfriend; shot his mother-in-law; murdered his 1931
second wife
DISPOSITION: Convicted of wife’s murder in

Murphy, Donald (1944–)

Delaware, received a 35-year prison term on June 25, 1993; pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

New York on condition that conspiracy charges filed DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VICTIMS:

against his mother were dismissed; received a conFive confessed

secutive term of 15 years to life on June 20, 1996

MO: Lust killer of black prostitutes

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on two counts, 1982; two **Nash, Stephen A.** (?–)

concurrent 30-year terms

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1950s VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

Murrell, John A. (1794–?)

TIMS: 11 confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

MO: Stabbed random victims, children and adults DATE(S): c. 1815–35 VENUE: Southern USA VIC-DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1957

TIMS: 500+

MO: Southern planter who stole/resold slaves, killing **Nash, Viva Leroy** (1916–)

hundreds in the process; victims often disemboweled SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

and weighted with stones, then sunk in rivers; also DATE(S): 1977/82 VENUE: Utah/Ariz. VICTIMS:

plotted slave revolt as diversion for looting of major Two

southern cities

MO: Killed holdup victims

DISPOSITION: Served 10 years in Tenn. for fomenting DISPOSITION: Two terms of five years to life for mur-slave revolt, c. 1835–45

der/robbery in Utah, 1978 (escaped 1982); con-

demned in Ariz., 1983

Myers, Karl Lee (1957–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

Nassar, George (1932–)
DATE(S): 1976–96 VENUE: Kans./Okla. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE
TIMS: Five suspected
DATE(S): 1948/1964 VENUE: Mass. VICTIMS:
MO: Rape-slayer of women; self-described contract Two
killer
MO: Shot a Lawrence store clerk at age 15; later shot a DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1998
gas station attendant and attempted to kill two female bystanders, age 32; also considered a prime **Myrtel, Hera** [*See* BESSARABO, MARIE-LOUISE]
suspect in the "Boston Strangler" murders
DISPOSITION: Confined as a juvenile for first murder, **Najma**
1948–61; admitted to state hospital for the crimi-SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
nally insane in October 1964

Natale, Ralph (1934–)
MO: Armed robber and kidnappers; shot three postal SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
employees and "accidentally" killed teenage kidnap DATE(S): 1970s–1990s VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa.
victim
VICTIMS: Seven confessed
DISPOSITION: Five life terms, 1976
MO: Mafia soldier and later boss who killed criminal rivals
Nelson, George [*See* GILLIS, LESTER]
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on seven murder counts and other felonies, May 5, 2000; received life term **Nemechek, Francis** (1951–)
and a $250,000 fine
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1974–76 VENUE: Graham/Trego coun-
Ncama, Nicholas Lungisa (1968–)
ties., Kans. VICTIMS: Five

MO: Rape-slayer of females age 16–21; also killed SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE-three-year-old boy

felony

DISPOSITION: Five consecutive life terms, 1977

DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Port Elizabeth, South

Africa VICTIMS: Four alleged

Neu, Kenneth (1910–35)

MO: Serial rapist of females, including his teenage SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

stepdaughter, and murderer of victims aged 15–26

DATE(S): 1933 VENUE: N.Y./La. VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Convicted on three of four murder MO: Gay drifter; robbed/killed two male sex partners charges, plus one rape, one attempted rape, and one DISPOSITION: Hanged in N.Y., Feb. 1, 1935

indecent assault; received three life terms plus 42

years on Dec. 18, 1998

Neumann, Alwin (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC-

Ndlangamandla, Velaphi (1966–) AKA: Saloon argument

Killer

DATE(S): 1983–87 VENUE: Kiel, Germany VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

TIMS: Four

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Piet Retief, South Africa MO: Strangled women age 19–40, including three VICTIMS: 19

prostitutes at the same brothel (1983–86), after they MO: Armed robber who killed victims and raped at least

“insulted” him

one, during a five-month series of home invasions DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1998

DISPOSITION: Received a 137-year prison term on Sept. 18, 2002, on charges including 19 murder **Neuschafer, Jimmy** (1953–98)

counts, nine attempted murders, six robberies, five SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC

housebreakings, two firearms violations, one

DATE(S): 1976/? VENUE: Carson City, Nev. VIC-

attempted robbery, and one indecent assault

TIMS: Three

MO: Rape-slayer of teenage girls; strangled prison **Neal, William Lee "Cody"** (1956–)

inmate

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms for rape-murders; condemned for murder in prison; executed DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Denver, Colo. VICTIMS:

July 26, 1998

Three

MO: Rape-slayer of three women tortured and killed **Newman, Sarah Jane** (1813–?) AKA: Sally Skull with an ax, while a fourth victim was forced to SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domestic

watch

DATE(S): c. 1830–64 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Condemned in 1999, after pleading MO: "Black widow" slayer of husbands

guilty to three counts of murder, three sexual DISPOSITION: Disappeared with latest husband, 1867

assaults, and seven other counts, including kidnapping and felony menacing; sentence commuted to **Nickell, Stella Maudine** (1944–)

life on appeal, Dec. 2003

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: King County, Wash. VIC-

Neilson, Donald (1937–) AKA: Black Panther TIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Inspired by Ill. "TYLENOL MURDERS," poisoned DATE(S): 1974–75 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

husband for insurance, also total stranger to divert Four

police suspicion

DISPOSITION: 90-year terms on each of two murder MO: Mother whose 10 children died sequentially counts; concurrent 10-year terms on three counts of before attaining 15 months of age; eight cases subse-product tampering

quently blamed on suffocation; two cases remain uncertain

Nicolai, Anne M. (1963–)

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on eight counts, June SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-28, 1999; received 20 years probation beginning cific

with five years house arrest; violated probation in DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Saginaw, Mich.

November 2000; close supervision extended indefi-MO: Nurse, hospitalized five times for psychiatric nitely

treatment, who confessed killing three elderly patients with morphine

Nolan, Dempsey, Jr. (1967–)

DISPOSITION: Prosecutor waived charges in April SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

2001, despite confession

DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Ind./Calif. VICTIMS:

Five suspected

Nicolaus, Robert Henry (1933–)

MO: Slayer of male robbery victims

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domestic

DISPOSITION: Life term with 25-year minimum on DATE(S): 1964/85 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif.

one count in Calif., 1997

VICTIMS: Four

MO: Shot his children, age two to seven (1964) and ex-Norio Nagayama (1949–97)

wife (1985)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Condemned on three counts, 1964

DATE(S): 1968 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS: Four

(reduced to life on appeal, 1967; paroled 1977); MO: Killed robbery victims

condemned 1987

DISPOSITION: Executed Aug. 1997

Nicoletti, Charles (1916–77)

Norris, Melissa (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DATE(S): 1940s–77 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

cific
TIMS: “At least 40”
DATE(S): 197?/86 VENUE: Gaithersburg, Md.
MO: Mafia enforcer and hit man
VICTIMS: Three confessed
DISPOSITION: Fatally wounded by unknown gunmen, MO: Set house fire that killed mother and brother; Mar. 30, 1977
bludgeoned infant son in “exorcism” ritual
Nisby, Marcus [*See*
DISPOSITION: Escaped punishment on grounds of
PLAYER, MICHAEL]
temporary insanity
Nixon, Robert (1920–39) AKA: Brick Moron SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-Nuss, Ralph (?–)
specific
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1936–38 VENUE: Chicago/Los Angeles
DATE(S): 1966 VENUE: Mich./Ohio VICTIMS:
VICTIMS: Five
Two confessed; three suspected
MO: Victims bludgeoned with bricks in their homes or MO: Psychiatric social worker and gay necrophile hotel rooms
slayer of male sex partners
DISPOSITION: Executed in Ill., June 1939
DISPOSITION: Life sentence on two counts, in Mich.
Nobles, Jonathan Wayne (1962–)
Oates, Reginald Vernon (1950–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1968 VENUE: Baltimore, Md. VICTIMS:
MO: Stabbed women
Four
DISPOSITION: Condemned
MO: Cannibal pedophile, bludgeoned four boys age five to 10, mutilating bodies and drinking their blood **Noe, Marie** (1929–)

DISPOSITION: Declared insane; confined to state hos-SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

pital

cific

DATE(S): 1946–68 VENUE: Kensington, Pa. VIC-

O'Bannion, Charles Dion (1892–1924)

TIMS: 8–10

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

DATE(S): 1920–24 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

DATE(S): 1980–81 VENUE: British Columbia,

TIMS: 25–60

Canada VICTIMS: 11

MO: Sadistic bootlegger and racketeer

MO: Stabbed/bludgeoned victims of both sexes, age DISPOSITION: Murdered by rival mobsters, Nov. 10, nine to 18

1924

DISPOSITION: 11 life terms, 1982

Obremski, Russell Loren (1945–)

O'Neal, Robert Earl, Jr. (1961–95)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC-

DATE(S): 1969 VENUE: Jackson County, Ore.

extremist

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1978/84 VENUE: Mo. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Killed two women during a violent drug binge MO: Neo-Nazi; killed elderly man in burglary; stabbed DISPOSITION: Received two consecutive life terms, black prison inmate

1969; paroled 1993; parole revoked 1994

DISPOSITION: Life term on first count; condemned, 1983; executed Dec. 6, 1995

O'Connor, Raymond (1938–67) AKA: Ducky

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

O'Neall, Darren Dee (1960–)

DATE(S): 1960s VENUE: Sydney, Australia VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: More than six
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Wash./Idaho/Utah VIC-
MO: Underworld contract killer
TIMS: Six+ suspected
DISPOSITION: Shot by gangland rivals, May 26, 1967
MO: Transient rape-slayer of young women
DISPOSITION: 27 years with 18.5-year minimum on **Odell, Diane** (1953–)
one count, in Wash., 1989
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific
Orpinelli, Larete Patrocinio (1952–)
DATE(S): 1982–85 VENUE: Kauneonga Lake, N.Y.
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
VICTIMS: Three
DATE(S): 1993–2000 VENUE: Eastern Brazil VIC-
MO: Mother who killed her infant children at home; TIMS: 10
hid mummified remains in a storage shed
MO: Pedophile with long history of psychiatric treat-DISPOSITION: Convicted on three counts of second-ment, 1967–93; slayer of children aged 5–11
degree murder, Dec. 6, 2003; received prison term of DISPOSITION: Confessed 10 murders; disposition 25 years to life, Jan. 27, 2004
unknown
Oken, Steven Howard (1962–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
Outlaw, Bass (d. 1894)
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Md./Maine
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
VICTIMS:Three
DATE(S): 1880s–94 VENUE: Ga./Tex. VICTIMS:
MO: Lust killer of women age 20–43
“Several”
DISPOSITION: Life without parole in Maine, 1988; MO: Alcoholic lawman who became “homicidal
condemned in Md.

maniac” when drunk

DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with JOHN SELMAN, **Okev, Daniel** (?–) AKA: Negev Desert Psychopath Apr. 5, 1894

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Owens, John F. (?–)

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Negev Desert, Israel VIC-

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Several

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Rochester, N.Y.

MO: Former Israeli soldier who blamed multiple per-VICTIMS: Two

sonality disorder for his shooting of two foreign MO: Kidnapped and raped four women, killing two tourists (killing one); named as prime suspect in a DISPOSITION: Received life term without parole on series of local rape-murders

two counts of murder and one count of rape, May DISPOSITION: Received a 20-year sentence for one 2001; convicted of another nonfatal rape in Septem-murder and one attempted murder, May 3, 1999

ber 2001

Olson, Clifford Robert (1940–)

Pace, Lyndon Fitzgerald (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VIC-

DATE(S): 1966/78 VENUE: Fla./D.C. VICTIMS:

TIMS: Four

Three

MO: Rape-slayer of women aged 42–56

MO: Stabbed teenage boy; shot one man in drug rip-DISPOSITION: Condemned on four counts, March

off and another barroom argument

1996

DISPOSITION: Life term in Fla., 1966 (escaped 1978); life on second count in D.C., 1979; condemned on **Padhi, Maheshwar** (1973–) AKA:

Stoneman third count in Fla. + multiple life terms for robbery SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unknown

and rape, 1981

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Berhampur, India VIC-

TIMS: Seven

Parker, Robert Lee (?–)

MO: Killed seven victims in four months, crushing SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-their skulls with stones

specific

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Ga./Wash. VICTIMS:

Four suspected

Palmer, Dr. William (1824–56)

MO: Killed female neighbors and set fire to their apart-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

ments; also shot a male motorist chosen at random DATE(S): 1890s–1908 VENUE: Staffordshire, Eng-DISPOSITION: Received life term without parole on land VICTIMS: 13+

two counts in Washington on Feb. 13, 1999

MO: Poisoner of relatives and acquaintances

DISPOSITION: Hanged June 14, 1856

Parks, Larry James (1954–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Panchenko, Dr. Dimitri (?–?)

DATE(S): 1996–99 VENUE: Manatee County, Fla.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

VICTIMS: Four

DATE(S): 1890s–1911 VENUE: Russia VICTIMS:

MO: Murdered a 35-year-old woman and her two

“Several”

daughters, aged four and seven; suspected in the MO: Physician who disposed of unwanted relatives for fatal shooting of a man at his home

a price

DISPOSITION: Three life prison terms

DISPOSITION: 15 years on one count, 1911

Paul, James Allen (?–)

Parker, Calvin (1969–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: N.J./Conn./Vt. VICTIMS:

Sex./Sad.

Three

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-

MO: Shot two women and a 45-year-old man in sepa-TIMS: Two alleged

rate incidents; at least one victim robbed

MO: Raped, tortured and dismembered 29-year-old DISPOSITION: Life with 30-year minimum on guilty female roommate; prime suspect in the mutilation-plea to one count in N.J., 1984

murder of a 30-year-old woman found burned on a downtown streetcorner

Pavlovich, Milka (d. 1935)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, Aug. 12,

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-

2002

tic

DATE(S): 1935 VENUE: Belovar, Yugoslavia VIC-

Parker, Gerald (1955–) AKA: Bedroom Basher TIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husband and other DATE(S): 1978–79 VENUE: Orange County, Calif.

relatives

VICTIMS: Six

DISPOSITION: Hanged, May 1935

MO: Home-invading rapist; bludgeoned females age 17–31, also killing a pregnant sixth victim’s full-Payne, Eric Christopher (1973–)

term fetus

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DISPOSITION: Confessed to rape, 1996; convicted on DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Henrico County, Va. VIC-six murder counts, Oct. 1998; condemned, 1999

TIMS: Two

MO: Women age 51 and 63 raped/bludgeoned/robbed **Parker, Norman, Jr.** (1944–)

in their homes
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DISPOSITION: Twice condemned, 1997–98

Peace, Charles Frederick (1832–79)
Penton, David Elliott (1958–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1876 VENUE: Sheffield, England VIC-
DATE(S): 1985–88 VENUE: Tex./Ohio VICTIMS:
TIMS: Two
Four alleged
MO: Burglar who killed a woman in her home; in cus-MO: Pedophile slayer of girls aged 4–9
tody, he confessed the slaying of a policeman three DISPOSITION: Life prison term in Ohio for one mur-months earlier
der committed in 1988; trial pending on three
DISPOSITION: Hanged on Feb. 25, 1879
counts in Texas
Peeler, Russell, Jr. (1972–)
Peoples, Louis James (1962–)
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Bridgeport, Conn. VIC-
felony
TIMS: Three
DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Stockton, Calif. VIC-
MO: Killed a man in drug dispute, May 1998; subse-TIMS: Four
quently killed a woman and her daughter scheduled MO: Stole pistol and badge from a policeman, used the to testify in that case
gun in a series of armed robberies and killed four DISPOSITION: Received a 105-year prison term on male victims aged 29–56
one count, December 1999
DISPOSITION: Condemned on four murder counts,
June 6, 2000
Peete, Lofie Louise Preslar (d. 1947)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

Pereira, Francisco de Assis (1967–) AKA: Park DATE(S): 1910–44 VENUE: Tex./Calif. VICTIMS:

Maniac

Five

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Profit-motivated slayer of husband, lovers, DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: São Paulo, Brazil VIC-coworker and employer

TIMS: 11

DISPOSITION: Acquitted of first killing on plea of MO: Rape-slayer of petite brunette females who lured self-defense; received life prison term for second victims by posing as a fashion photographer

murder, January 1921; paroled 1939; executed on DISPOSITION: Erroneous media report of Dec. 18, April 11, 1947

2000 claimed Pereira was killed by fellow inmates while awaiting trial; convicted on 11 murder counts **Peiry, Michel** (1959–)

in three separate trials, 2001–02, receiving a total of SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

268 years in prison

DATE(S): 1981–87 VENUE: Fla./Switzerland VIC-

TIMS: Three

Perkins, Reginald W. (?–)

MO: Gay lust killer of teenage boys; bodies burned SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC

DISPOSITION: Declared insane and confined to asy-DATE(S): 1982/2000 VENUE: Ohio/Tex. VIC-

lum, 1988

TIMS: Two suspected

MO: Serial rapist suspected of killing one teenage vic-Pekalski, Leszek (?–)

tim’s mother; later robbed and strangled his stepSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

mother

DATE(S): 1984–92 VENUE: Poland VICTIMS: 70

DISPOSITION: Received life term plus 6–25 years, all confessed

concurrent, for raping an Ohio minor in 1982;

MO: Random slayer; attacked victims of both sexes paroled February 2000; condemned for his step-DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count, 1996; sen-mother's murder, March 19, 2002

tenced to 25 years in psychiatric institution

Perry, Calvin, III (1965–84)

Pennell, Steven Brian (1957–92) AKA: Corridor SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Killer

DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: Ft. Wayne, Ind. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Five suspected

DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: New Castle County,

MO: Rapist home invader; bludgeoned victims age Del. VICTIMS: Five

11–78

MO: Torture-slayer of female prostitutes

DISPOSITION: Confessed prior to jailhouse suicide, DISPOSITION: Executed Mar. 14, 1992

Jan. 1984

Perry, George W. E. (1892–1950)

Petrovs, Kaspars (1975–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1929–30 VENUE: Wis./Calif./La./Maine

DATE(S): 2001–04 VENUE: Riga, Latvia VIC-

VICTIMS: Four

TIMS: More than 38

MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of wives for profit

MO: Befriended, robbed, and murdered older women DISPOSITION: Life term in Wisc., 1931; died in DISPOSITION: Confessed 38 murders, Jan. 2005; life prison, Mar. 1950

sentence imposed May 12, 2005

Pesquet, Bernard (1922–)

Pheach Phen (1979–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1941/74–76 VENUE: Rouen/Paris, France DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Kompong Cham, Cambodia

VICTIMS: Six

VICTIMS: Five

MO: Bludgeoned man in robbery, 1941; killed victims MO: HIV-positive killer who drank the blood of vic-for profit, 1974–76, cementing corpses inside stair-tims as a "cure," on the advice of native healers case of his home

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DISPOSITION: Life term, 1956 (paroled 1961); life term, 1984

Philipe, Joseph (d. 1866) AKA: Terror of Paris SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Peters, Damien Anthony (1969–)

DATE(S): 1861–66 VENUE: Paris, France VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-revenge

TIMS: Eight

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Perth, Australia VIC-

MO: "Ripper" of female prostitutes and a 10-year-old TIMS: Two

child

MO: Dismembered gay lovers aged 27 and 50 at his DISPOSITION: Guillotined, July 1866

flat following his HIV-positive diagnosis

DISPOSITION: Life prison term, December 2002

Phillips, Cindy (1966–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Peterson, Christopher Dwayne (1968–)

DATE(S): 1981–98 VENUE: Kan./Tex./Colo. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

TIMS: Three suspected

DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Porter/Lake Counties., Ind.

MO: Alleged "black widow" slayer of husbands and VICTIMS: Seven confessed

lovers for profit

MO: Shotgun slayer of white victims in random attacks DISPOSITION: Convicted on Jan. 26, 1999 of hiring a DISPOSITION: Condemned on four counts, 1991–92

hit man to kill her husband in Colorado; charges ACCOMPLICE: Ronald J. Harris (1969–) convicted pending in Kansas and Texas

in 1991 as shooter in one of seven murders and accomplice in a second

Phillips, John Paul (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Peterson, Davie Elliott (1958–)

DATE(S): 1975–81 VENUE: Carbondale, Ill. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Four suspected

DATE(S): 1988–97 VENUE: Ohio/Tex. VICTIMS:

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 21–30

Four suspected

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count

MO: Drifter who kidnapped and murdered children DISPOSITION: Life term in Ohio for the 1988 murder **Picchioni, Ernesto** (?–) AKA: Monster of Nerola of a nine-year-old girl; trial pending in Texas on three SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

murder counts, including a three-year-old victim DATE(S): 1946–47 VENUE: Nerola, Italy VICTIMS: 16

Petrov, Dr. Maxim (1964–)

MO: Lust killer of women; buried victims in his garden SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown

DATE(S): 2000–02 VENUE: St. Petersburg, Russia VICTIMS: Ten

Pierce, Alexander (?–?)

MO: Physician who drugged 50 elderly victims before SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-looting their apartment, killing those who awoke specific

prematurely

DATE(S): 19th century VENUE: Australia VIC-

DISPOSITION: Life sentence imposed, December 2002

TIMS: Five

MO: Escaped convict; killed/cannibalized fellow fugi-DATE(S): 1991/1999 VENUE: Hamilton, Ontario

tives

VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Hanged

MO: Murdered his first wife in 1991; dismembered a 34-year-old woman in 1999; arrested when his sec-Pierce, Charles E. (d. 1999)

ond wife found body parts at home

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Died in jail of a drug overdose, Febru-DATE(S): 1960s–1970s VENUE: New England

ary 2000, while negotiating a plea bargain on two VICTIMS: Three confessed

murder counts

MO: Pedophile employed with a traveling carnival, imprisoned for the 1969 murder of a 13-year-old girl; **Pitchfork, Colin** (1960–)

subsequently confessed murders of two more girls SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count, 1980; died DATE(S): 1983/86 VENUE: Leicester, England VICin prison, Feb. 13, 1999

TIMS: Two

MO: Rape-slayer of 15-year-old girls

Pietrzak, Stanley (1954–)

DISPOSITION: Double life term on guilty plea, 1988

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC

DATE(S): 1976–98 VENUE: Calif./Wash. VIC-

Pizzuto, Gerald Ross (1973–)

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Convicted sex offender whose wife and girlfriends DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Idaho/Wash. VICTIMS:

died or vanished in his company; charred bones of Four

last victim found in furnace at an apartment build-MO: Victims of both sexes shot/bludgeoned in robberies ing where Pietrzak served as custodian

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1986; also convicted of grand theft and robbery

DISPOSITION: Convicted of molesting two girls aged five and nine in 1990; received 40-year term for **Player, Michael** (1960–86) AKA: Skid Row Slayer murder of his second missing lover, November 2000

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

cific

Pinkerton, Jay Kelly (1969–86)

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

TIMS: 10

DATE(S): 1969/80 VENUE: Amarillo, Tex. VIC-

MO: Shot homeless men, age 23–66

TIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot, Oct. 10, 1986

DISPOSITION: Executed May 15, 1986

Pleil, Rudolf (d. 1958)

Piper, Donald (1963–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1946–50 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Des Moines, Iowa

25 confessed

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Mutilation-slayer of random victims, mostly MO: Stabbed/strangled female guest and maid at local women

hotels

DISPOSITION: 12 years for manslaughter in ax mur-DISPOSITION: Convicted on one murder count, June der of a salesman, 1947; life for nine rape-murders, 4, 2001; convicted on second count, June 2002; life 1950; suicide by hanging in prison, Feb. 1958

terms imposed in both cases

ACCOMPLICES: Karl Hoffman (1914–) sentenced

to life on six counts, 1950; Konrad Schuessler **Piper, Thomas W.** (1849–76) AKA: Boston Belfry (1928–) sentenced to life for two murders and one Murderer

attempted murder

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1873–76 VENUE: Boston, Mass. VIC-

Poehlke, Norbert Hans (d. 1985)

TIMS: Four confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Rape-slayer of young girls, one in the church DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Germany/Italy VIC-where he served as sexton

TIMS: Six

DISPOSITION: Hanged, 1876

MO: Police inspector who shot men age 36–47, using their stolen cars in robberies; also shot his wife and **Pirrera, Samuel** (1967–)

two sons

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot, Oct. 23, 1985

Pomeroy, Jesse Harding (1860–1932)

MO: Paroled pedophile; linked to death/disappearance SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

of three named teenagers and 12 unspecified victims; DATE(S): 1870s–80s VENUE: Boston, Mass. VIC-one skeleton found on his property in Ala.

TIMS: 20+ alleged

DISPOSITION: Life term with 25-year minimum for MO: Sadistic slayer of street children; set prison fire Fla. sex crimes, 1994; indicted on one murder count that killed three fellow inmates

in Ala.

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1876

(commuted to life, 1878); spent 41 years in solitary; **Pough, James Edward** (1948–90) AKA: Pops died in prison, 1932

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

cific

Pommerais, Dr. Edmund de la (1836–63)

DATE(S): 1971/90 VENUE: Jacksonville, Fla. VICSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: 11

DATE(S): 1862–63 VENUE: France VICTIMS: Two

MO: Shot male friend (1971); shot strangers at random MO: Compulsive gambler; poisoned female victims for (1990)

insurance

DISPOSITION: 1971 murder charge reduced to aggra-DISPOSITION: Guillotined, 1863

vated assault (five years probation); suicide by gunshot, June 18, 1990

Pommerenke, Heinrich (1937–) AKA: Beast of the Black Forest

Powers, Harry F. (1889–32) AKA: Mail-order Blue-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

beard

DATE(S): 1959–60 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1920s–31 VENUE: Quiet Dell, W. Va.

10 confessed

VICTIMS: 50 alleged

MO: Religious fanatic rape-slayer of women

MO: Profit-motivated "Bluebeard" slayer of prospec-DISPOSITION: Six life terms with 140-year minimum, tive fiancées lured with lonely-hearts ads

1960

DISPOSITION: Confessed five murders; hanged for one on Mar. 19, 1932

Pool, Dave (?–?)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

Poyner, Syvasky L. (d. 1993)

DATE(S): 1861–65 VENUE: Kans./Mo. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

"Numerous"

DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: Hampton/Newport News,

MO: Notorious member of "QUANTRILL'S RAIDERS"

Va. VICTIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Surrendered May 22, 1865; no prose-MO: Shot female robbery victims, stripping one body cution

DISPOSITION: Executed Mar. 18, 1993

Popova, Madame (d. 1909)

Prada, Hernando Arturo (1973–2000)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1880s–1900s VENUE: Samara, Russia

DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Colombia VICTIMS: 10

VICTIMS: 300 confessed

MO: Bandit imprisoned for murders of robbery victims MO: Poisoner for hire, specializing in abusive husbands DISPOSITION: Received a 60-

year sentence; escaped DISPOSITION: Executed in Mar. 1909

during a prison transfer in February 2000; captured and executed by vigilante death squad on Feb. 22

Porter, Ronald Elliot (1947–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Prejean, Dalton (d. 1990)

DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: 14 alleged

DATE(S): 1974/77 VENUE: La. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Rape-slayer of women

MO: Robbed/killed taxi driver; shot policeman

DISPOSITION: 15 years on one count, with eight years DISPOSITION: Imprisoned, 1974 (paroled 1978); exe-consecutive for sex offenses, 1993

cuted May 18, 1990

Potts, Frank (1944–)

Presenti, Valentino (?–) AKA: Monster of Genoa SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1977–89 VENUE: Ala. VICTIMS: 15

DATE(S): 1976–91 VENUE: Genoa, Italy VIC-

alleged; one confessed

TIMS: Four+

MO: Lust killer of women

Prince, Walter (1902–34)

DISPOSITION: Life sentence

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1928/34 VENUE: Manchester/Retford,

Presnell, Virgil Delano, Jr. (1954–)

England VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Murdered one man and one woman in personal DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VICTIMS:

disputes

Two suspected

DISPOSITION: Hanged, 1934

MO: Pedophile slayer of preadolescent girls

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1976

Pritchard, Dr. Edward William (d. 1865) SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-Price, Craig Chandler (1974–) AKA: Iron Man tic

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

DATE(S): 1863–65 VENUE: Glasgow, Scotland

DATE(S): 1987/89 VENUE: Warwick, R.I. VIC-

VICTIMS: Four

TIMS: Four

MO: "Bluebeard" poisoner of wife, mother-in-law, and MO: Home invader; beat/stabbed females age eight to children

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DISPOSITION: Hanged, July 28, 1865

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty in juvenile court; confined until age 21

Profit, Mark Antonio (1964–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Price, Ricky Lee (?–)

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Minneapolis, Minn. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Four suspected

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Va./N.C. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Slayer of female prostitutes in/around Wirth Park MO: Strangler of women

DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms, 1997, on DISPOSITION: Life term + 58 years in Va., 1985; con-one count of murder and two counts of rape

demned in N.C., 1987; died in prison on Nov. 23, 1998

Protopappas, Dr. Tony (1945–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

Pries, Dieter (1956–)

specific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DATE(S): 1982–83 VENUE: Costa Mesa, Calif.

DATE(S): 1974/84–97 VENUE: Germany VIC-

VICTIMS: Three

TIMS: Two+

MO: Dentist who deliberately overdosed three female MO: Robbed/killed grandmother (1974); rape slayer of patients, age 13–31, with anesthetic

women

DISPOSITION: three concurrent terms of 15 years to DISPOSITION: Eight years for murder as juvenile (con-life, 1984

fined to asylum); judged insane and committed, 1978

Prudom, Barry Peter (1944–82) AKA: Cop Killer **Prince, Cleophus, Jr.** (1967–) AKA: Clairemont Killer SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1982–83 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-

Three

TIMS: Six

MO: Fatally shot two policemen and a male robbery MO: Home-invading “ripper” of women age 18–42

victim

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1993

DISPOSITION: Suicide during shoot-out with police, July 4, 1982

Prince, Hamisi (1990–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

Pruett, Marion Albert (1949–99) AKA: Mad Dog cific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE-

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Cyangusu Prefecture,

felony

Rwanda VICTIMS: More than three

DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Ark./Colo./Miss./N. Mex.

MO: Nine-year-old son of man imprisoned for geno-VICTIMS: Five

cide; arrested for beating a three-year-old girl to MO: Serving time for a Georgia bank robbery when he death, whereupon he confessed killing “many chil-killed his cellmate, framing another inmate for the dren in the past”

crime; testimony in that case earned him release in DISPOSITION: Sent to a reeducation camp, Nov. 11, 1979, with placement in the witness protection pro-1999

gram; Pruett soon developed a $4,000-per-week

drug habit and turned to violence; bludgeoned his DATE(S): 1960 VENUE: Tenn. VICTIMS: Two

common-law wife with a hammer and burned her

MO: Career criminal; shot holdup victim and police-body, then embarked on an interstate crime spree, man

shooting three male victims in armed robberies DISPOSITION: Killed in escape attempt, Oct. 24, 1960

DISPOSITION: Received life terms for three murders in Colorado, Mississippi, and New Mexico; exe-Rachals, Terri Eden Maples (1962–)

cuted in Arkansas, April 13, 1999

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

cific

Pruett, Mark David (1949–93)

DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Albany, Ga. VICTIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

confessed

DATE(S): 1975–85 VENUE: Va. VICTIMS: Five+

MO: Hospital nurse who poisoned intensive-care MO: Rape-slayer of women

patients

DISPOSITION: Executed on two counts, Dec. 16,

DISPOSITION: Found guilty but mentally ill on one 1993

count aggravated assault; 17-year prison term plus three years probation; released April 2003

Puente, Dorothea Helen (1929–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

Racine, Steven (1964–)

DATE(S): 1982–88 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

VICTIMS: Nine

felony

MO: “Black widow” landlady; poisoned tenants for DATE(S): 1990–2001 VENUE: Montreal, Quebec

pension checks

VICTIMS: Six

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on three counts, MO: Career criminal who bound and strangled victims 1993

in drug-related killings

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to all counts on Sept.

Putt, George Howard (1946–)

25, 2002, receiving a life prison term with a 25-year SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

minimum

DATE(S): 1969 VENUE: Miss./Tenn. VICTIMS:

Five

Rahman, Yusef Abdullah (1968–)

MO: Home-invading mutilation-slayer of men and SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-women

specific

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1970 (sentence com-

DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: Kans./N.Y. VICTIMS:

muted to 99 years, 1972)

Four confessed

MO: Shot men in random sniping attacks

Quansah, Charles Papa Kwabena Ebo (1964–) DISPOSITION: 42 years to life on one count, 1990; SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

concurrent life term on second count, 1992

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Accra, Ghana VIC-

TIMS: 34 confessed

Raies, Jean (?–?)

MO: Rape slayer of women

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Confessed, then recanted; condemned DATE(S): 1880 VENUE: Geneva, Switzerland VIC-at trial, July 2002

TIMS: 12

MO: Nurse who killed patients to collect “bounty”

Quantrill, William Clarke (1837–65)

offered by local mortician for new clients

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DISPOSITION: Life sentence; died in prison

DATE(S): 1855–65 VENUE: Ill./Mo./Kans./Tex./Ky.

VICTIMS: “Numerous”

Raj, Subbah (1949–)

MO: Psychopathic career criminal; leader of outlaw SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

“QUANTRILL’S RAIDERS” during Civil War; ordered cific

hundreds of murders besides those committed per-DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Kamakshipuram, India

sonally

VICTIMS: Eight

DISPOSITION: Shot by Union soldiers, May 10, 1865; MO: Thrill-killer of beggars, slain by stones dropped died June 6

on heads as they slept; captured in attack on decoy mannequins; confessed to police that he “found hap-Raby, Clarence Leon (1933–60)

piness in killing stranded persons”

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Unknown

Ralston, Larry (1949–)

Rathbun, Charles Edgar (1957–)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1975–77 VENUE: Clermont/Clinton Coun-

DATE(S): 1989–95 VENUE: Mich./Ohio/Calif.

ties, Ohio VICTIMS: Five

VICTIMS: Six suspected

MO: Rape-slayer of females aged 15–23

MO: Convicted rapist; photographer and lust-killer of DISPOSITION: Four life terms, 1978; fifth life term, women

1984

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on one count in Calif., 1996

Ramirez Sánchez, Ilich (1949–) AKA: Carlos the Jackal

Razaq, Abdul (1944–)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC-

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

extremist

DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Bahawalpur, India

DATE(S): 1974–82 VENUE: France/Austria VIC-

VICTIMS: Eight

TIMS: 12+

MO: Rape-strangler of elderly women

MO: Left-wing terrorist for hire; victims murdered by DISPOSITION: Unknown

gunshot and bombing

DISPOSITION: Life sentence for three counts in Paris, **Read, Mark Brandon** (1955–) AKA: Chopper 1997

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1979–91 VENUE: Melbourne, Australia

Rand, Andre (1943–) AKA: Pied Piper of Staten VICTIMS: 19 confessed

Island

MO: Self-described vigilante slayer of criminals SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Served 20+ years for assault and

DATE(S): 1972–87 VENUE: New York City VIC-

other felony counts; released from prison July TIMS: Five suspected

1997

MO: Pedophile slayer of girls aged 5–12

DISPOSITION: Convicted of kidnapping, 1989, while **Read, Mary** (d. 1721)

jury deadlocked on murder charge in case of girl still SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

missing; received prison term of 25 years to life; trial DATE(S): 1719–20 VENUE: Caribbean VICTIMS:

on second kidnapping case in progress at press time

“Several”

MO: Abducted by pirates; joined the crew on various **Randall, James Michael** (1954–)

raids

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Died in prison, Apr. 1721

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Pinellas County, Fla.

VICTIMS: Two

Rearden, Virginia (1932–) AKA: Virginia McGinnis MO: Rape-strangler of female prostitutes left in dumpSEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

sters

DATE(S): 1972–87 VENUE: Ky./Calif. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Condemned in 1997; sentence reduced Three

to life on appeal, April 2000

MO: "Black widow" slayer of husband, daughter, and female friend for insurance

Rardon, Gary Duane (1944–)

DISPOSITION: Life without parole in Calif., 1992

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1962/74 VENUE: Indianapolis/Chicago

Red Dog, James Allen (1954–93)

VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: NA TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO: Jailed for manslaughter at 18; later shot three DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Del. VICTIMS: Five

men in holdups

suspected

DISPOSITION: Four years for manslaughter, 1962; MO: Killed acquaintances in personal disputes

40–100 years, Feb. 1977

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1992; executed Mar. 3, 1993

Rath, Thomas (1959–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Reed, Todd Alan (1967–) AKA: Forest Park Serial DATE(S): 1981–83 VENUE: Bremen, Germany

Killer

VICTIMS: Four suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Rapist and "ripper" of females age 17–20

DATE(S): 1987/1999 VENUE: Portland, Ore. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Life sentence for sexual assault, 1985

TIMS: Three to five

MO: Rape-slayer of three women strangled in Forest MO: Abducted a woman from a local laundromat and Park, 1999; prime suspect in murders of two teenage beat her to death; prime suspect in the disappear-girls 12 years earlier

ance of another woman and a pregnant 17-year-old DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on three counts and girl

received three consecutive life terms, Feb. 24, 2001

DISPOSITION: Life term received for one murder at trial in 1991; overturned on appeal; received

Reeves, Jack Wayne (1940–)

another life term at second trial; eligible for parole SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-in 2019

domestic

DATE(S): 1967/78/94 VENUE: Italy/Tex. VIC-

Reldan, Robert R. (1940–)

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Shot male victim in Italy; “Bluebeard” slayer of DATE(S): 1974–75 VENUE: Northern N.J. VIC-wives in U.S.

TIMS: Eight suspected

DISPOSITION: 1967 manslaughter conviction

MO: Slayer of females age 14–26

(released after four months.); 35 years on one count, DISPOSITION: Life sentence on two counts, 1979

1995; 99 years with 40-year minimum, 1996

Reles, Abraham (1970–41) AKA: Kid Twist **Regan, John** (1945–74) AKA: Nano the Magician SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1930–40 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1960s–1970s VENUE: Sydney, Australia

30+

VICTIMS: “Multiple”

MO: Contract killer for “MURDER, INC.”

MO: Underworld contract killer nicknamed for his DISPOSITION: Murdered in police custody after turn-ability to make victims disappear

ing state’s evidence, Nov. 12, 1941

DISPOSITION: Shot by gangland rivals in September 1974

Remeta, Daniel Eugene (1958–98)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
Register, Glen Randall (1959–)
DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Fla./Ark./Kans. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
Five
DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Colo./Fla. VICTIMS:
MO: Robbed/shot victims in cross-country rampage; Two suspected
wife called him a "warrior who stood up for his MO: Drifter who bludgeoned and robbed three male victims aged 26–57, killing two; two victims beaten beliefs"
with toilet tank lids
DISPOSITION: Executed in Fla., Mar. 30, 1998
DISPOSITION: Life sentence for a Florida murder plus 30 years for robbery, on Sept. 26, 2001; detainer **Rendall, Martha** (d. 1909)
from Colorado in case of parole
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sad.
DATE(S): 1907–8 VENUE: Australia VICTIMS:
Reid, Paul Dennis (1956–)
Three
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony
MO: Killed three stepchildren by feeding them
DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Tenn./Ill. VICTIMS:
hydrochloric acid
12+ suspected
DISPOSITION: Hanged, Oct. 6, 1909
MO: Shot victims in armed robberies of various restaurants
Rezala, Sid Ahmed (1979–2000)
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts for Feb.
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
1997 holdup-murders in Tennessee, April 15, 1999; specific
condemned on two counts for April 1997 holdup-
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: France VICTIMS: Three
murders in Tennessee, Sept. 9, 1999; condemned on confessed
three counts for March 1997 holdup-murders in
MO: Stabbed his 20-year-old girlfriend and two other Tennessee, May 28, 2000

women, aged 20 and 36, after “seeing flashes”

DISPOSITION: Arrested in Lisbon; suicide by fire in his Lisbon jail cell, on June 29, 2000

Reinbold, William (?–) AKA: The Hammer

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1983–88 VENUE: Farmington, Ill. VIC-

Rhoades, Paul Ezra (1957–)

TIMS: Three suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DATE(S): 1985–87 VENUE: Utah/Idaho VICTIMS:

Rissell, Monte Ralph (1959–)

Six suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Shot females age 16–34, some robbed and raped DATE(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Alexandria, Va. VIC-DISPOSITION: Condemned in Idaho, 1988

TIMS: Five

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 22–34

Rich, Darrell Keith (1955–2000) AKA: Hilltop Rapist DISPOSITION: Life terms on five counts

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1978 VENUE: Redding, Calif. VICTIMS:

Rivera Benitez, Martin (?–) AKA: Big Soul Four

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

MO: Rape-slayer of females aged 11–26; two victims DATE(S): 1969–72 VENUE: Jasatipan, Mexico

bludgeoned with stones, one shot, one thrown from VICTIMS: 50+

bridge

MO: Contract killer operating from a mortuary where DISPOSITION: Executed on March 15, 2000

police found 12 headless corpses in 1972; later confessed “more killings than I can remember”

DISPOSITION: Life prison term

Richards, Robert McKinley (d. 1989)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Rivera, Reinaldo (1963–)

DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Tenn. VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

confessed

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: S.C./Ga. VICTIMS:

MO: Self-declared rape-slayer of teenage girls Four

DISPOSITION: Strangled by cellmate in jail, at his MO: Kidnapped and raped seven females aged 17–21, request, 1989

killing four

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Georgia, **Richards, Stephen Lee** (d. 1879) AKA: Nebraska Jan. 26, 2004; received 105 years for three Georgia Fiend

rapes and other felonies, Feb. 12, 2004

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1879 VENUE: Lincoln/Minden, Nebr.

Rivera, Vincent Faustino (1963–)

VICTIMS: Nine +

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO: Random “thrill” killings; victims include a family DATE(S): 1990/95 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Three

of five

MO: Killed two victims in Hillsborough County; DISPOSITION: Hanged, Apr. 1879

named as slayer of GERARD SCHAEFER in prison at Starke, Gainesville, Florida

Richmond, Earl, Jr. (1961–)

DISPOSITION: Life + 20 years on two counts, 1990

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: N.J./N.C. VICTIMS:

Robaczynski, Mary Rose (?–)

Five

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-“mercy”

MO: Home invader, killed victims age 11–68

DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Baltimore, Md. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Life + six years in N.J. on one count, TIMS: Four confessed

1993; condemned in N.C. on three counts, 1995

MO: Nurse who disconnected intensive-care patients from life-support devices

DISPOSITION: Mistrial with hung jury, 1979; charges **Rifkin, Joel** (1959–)

dropped in bargain to permanently revoke nursing SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

license

DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: New York City area

VICTIMS: 18

Robbins, Gary A. (1935–88)

MO: Slayer of female prostitutes

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Multiple life terms, 1994–95

DATE(S): 1981–88 VENUE: Mich./Ohio/Md./Pa.

VICTIMS: Four+

Ringgold, John Peter (1844–82) AKA: Johnny Ringo MO: Traveling salesman; rape-slayer of women in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

homes advertised for sale; some victims tortured DATE(S): 1870s–82 VENUE: Tex./Mexico/Ariz.

DISPOSITION: Suicide after shoot-out with Pa. police, VICTIMS: “Numerous”

Apr. 14, 1988

MO: Old West outlaw, gunfighter, and feudist

DISPOSITION: Found murdered in Ariz., July 14, **Roberts, Andrew L.** (d. 1878) AKA: Buckshot 1882

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

DATE(S): 1870s VENUE: N. Mex. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Condemned (commuted to life term on

“Numerous”

appeal); died in prison, 1905

MO: Prolific Old West gunman and hired killer

DISPOSITION: Killed in shoot-out with “regulators,”

Robison, Larry Keith (1957–2000)

Apr. 4, 1878

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific

Roberts, David James (1944–)

DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: Fort Worth, Tex. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC-
TIMS: Five
revenge

MO: Paranoid schizophrenic who beheaded his gay DATE(S): 1974 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind. VIC-lover, then killed four others in a psychotic murder TIMS: Four
spree

MO: Serial rapist who killed one victim's infant; also DISPOSITION: Executed on Jan. 21, 2000
burned home of a man who reported him for theft, killing three

Roche, Charles, Jr. (1964–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1975
SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Ind. VICTIMS: Eight

Robinson, Alonzo (?–?)

confessed
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Killed two men in Hammond; other murders con-DATE(S): 1926–34 VENUE: Mich./Miss. VIC-
fessed
TIMS: Six suspected

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1990; con-MO: Necrophile mutilation-slayer of one man and five fessed six more, 1998
women; kept heads and other body parts as sou-

Roche, John Francis (1927–54)

venirs
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DISPOSITION: Confessed in Miss., 1934; sentence DATE(S): 1953–54 VENUE: Queens, New York
unreported
VICTIMS: Six confessed

MO: Bludgeoned/stabbed/robbed two men and four **Robinson, Harvey** (1974–)

females age 13–85; at least one female victim also SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

raped

DATE(S): 1992–93 VENUE: Allentown, Pa. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Executed Jan. 27, 1956

TIMS: Three

MO: Rape-slayer of females age 13–47

Rode, Adolph James [*See* BARONE, CESAR]

DISPOSITION: Three death sentences + 157 years for rape

Rodrigues de Brito, Francisco das Chagas (?–) SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Robinson, Maxine (1968–)

DATE(S): 1980s–1990s VENUE: Northern Brazil

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

VICTIMS: 38

cific

MO: Mutilation-slayer of young boys who castrated DATE(s): 1989/1993 VENUE: Chester-le-Street, En-his victims; arrested in March 2004, with remains of gland VICTIMS: Three

two victims found in his home at São Luiz; con-MO: Mother who killed her children, ages nine months fessed 14 murders in Pará State during the 1980s to five years

and 24 in Maranhão State since 1991

DISPOSITION: Convicted of killing her 19-month old DISPOSITION: Unknown

daughter and 5-year-old son, 1995; received life prison term; pleaded guilty to murdering her nine-Rodriguez, Robert Neal (1950–92)

month-old daughter, April 22, 2004; received conSEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

secutive life sentences

DATE(S): 1984/92 VENUE: Tallahassee, Fla. VIC-

TIMS: Three

Robinson, Sarah Jane (d. 1905)

MO: Shot females age 16–22, when rape plans went awry SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Suicide by cyanide to avoid arrest, DATE(S): 1880s VENUE: Boston, Mass. VICTIMS:

May 15, 1992

Six

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of relatives/friends for **Roeder, Michaela** (1950–) AKA: Angel of Death insurance

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-“mercy”

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Wuppertal-Barmen, Ger-

Rogers, Kenneth Paul (1943–)

many VICTIMS: 10–17

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Hospital nurse who killed intensive-care patients DATE(S): 1969 VENUE: Ill. VICTIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Confessed 10 murders; life sentence, MO: Rape-strangler of females, including his wife 1989

DISPOSITION: Two concurrent 75–100-year terms, 1969; third concurrent 75–100-year term, 1970

Rogers, Bob (1873–95)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Rogers, Ramon Jay (1959–)

DATE(S): 1892–95 VENUE: Okla. Territory VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1977/1993–94 VENUE: Idaho/Calif.

MO: Outlaw “wanna-be”; stabbed/shot peace officers VICTIMS: Four suspected

DISPOSITION: Killed resisting arrest, Mar. 13, 1895

MO: Suspected of wife’s murder (1977); dismembered a male friend and two women

Rogers, David Keith (1947–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Calif., SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

1996

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Kern County, Calif. VIC-

TIMS: Three suspected

MO: Sheriff’s deputy who shot prostitutes age 15 and **Rollack, Peter** (1974–)

21
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1987
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: New York City VIC-
TIMS: Eight

Rogers, Dayton Leroy (1953–) AKA: Molalla For-MO: Leader of gang called Sex, Money, and Murder; est Killer
ordered and participated in eight murders and one SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
attempted murder related to drug trafficking
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Portland, Ore. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on all counts in January Eight
2000, accepting a sentence of life without parole in MO: Torture-slayer and "ripper" of female prostitutes solitary confinement
DISPOSITION: Life with 20-year minimum on one
count, 1988; condemned on seven counts, 1989;

Rolle, Randal (1918–49)
sentence reversed again, May 4, 2000
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific

Rogers, George White (1898–1958)
DATE(S): 1940s VENUE: Miss. VICTIMS: "At
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
least nine"
DATE(S): 1934/1953 VENUE: Atlantic Ocean/N.J.
MO: Skeletal remains found at home after suicide VICTIMS: 135 suspected
DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot, Oct. 14, 1949
MO: Radio operator aboard the cruise ship *Morro Castle,* now prime suspect in the shipboard fire that **Rolling, Danny Harold** (1954–) AKA: Gainesville killed 133 passengers and crew on Sept. 8, 1934
Ripper
(possibly set to conceal one homicide aboard)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DISPOSITION: Imprisoned for attempted murder
DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: La./Fla. VICTIMS:
while serving as a policeman in Bayonne, N.J.; after Eight confessed

parole, killed two robbery victims and received a life MO: Mutilation slayer of victims in random home term; died in prison, 1958

invasions

Rogers, Glen Edward (1962–

) AKA: Cross-Coun-

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Fla., 1994

try Killer

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Ronghi, Frank (1965–)

DATE(S): 1992–96 VENUE: United States VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: 70+ confessed

DATE(S): 1991/2000 VENUE: Iraq/Yugoslavia

MO: Transient rape-mutilation slayer of women in var-VICTIMS: More than two confessed

ious states; confessed 70+ murders to relatives MO: U.S. soldier and rape-slayer of an 11-year-old DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Florida, Albanian girl in Kosovo; boasted of killing other vic-July 11, 1997; condemned on one count in Califor-tims "in the desert," presumably a reference to the nia, June 21, 1999

first Gulf War

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to murder and forcible MO: "Werewolf" cannibal-slayer of victims slain at sodomy, receiving a term of life imprisonment with-random

out parole, Aug. 1, 2000

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1598; later committed to asylum as insane

Ronning, Michael (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Rowland, Walter Graham (d. 1947)

DATE(S): 1982–86 VENUE: Miss./Ark./Tex. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

TIMS: Six confessed

DATE(S): 1930s–46 VENUE: Manchester, England

MO: Rape slayer of females aged 17–20

VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count and sentenced MO: Killed a child and a 40-year-old woman

to life in Arkansas, 1986; confessed additional mur-DISPOSITION: Imprisoned on first counts; hanged on ders in Michigan, 1992; passed polygraph on one second count, Feb. 27, 1947

Michigan case for which another man is imprisoned, 1996; plea bargain on three Michigan murders

Rowles, "Snowy" (d. 1932) AKA: John Thomas Smith rejected, 1997

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1929–30 VENUE: Australia VICTIMS:

Rooyen, Gert van (d. 1990)

Two+

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Robbed/murdered male acquaintances in Aus-

DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: South Africa VIC-

tralian desert

TIMS: Seven

DISPOSITION: Hanged June 13, 1932

MO: Pedophile slayer of young girls; also shot his adult female lover

Rowntree, Mark (1957–)

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot to avoid arrest, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-1990

specific

DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Leeds, England VICTIMS:

Rosenfeld, Brian Kevin (1958–)

Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-

MO: Stabbed strangers age three to 85 in random

"mercy"

attacks, directed by "voices"

DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Pinellas County, Fla. VIC-DISPOSITION: Ruled insane; indefinite committal to TIMS: 23 confessed

asylum, 1976

MO: Nurse who murdered elderly rest home patients DISPOSITION: Three life terms with 25 years mini-Rozier, Robert (1956–)

mum, 1992

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Cult

DATE(S): 1981–86 VENUE: Fla./Mo./N.J./N.Y.

Rosenkrantz, Bernard (d. 1935) AKA: Lulu VICTIMS: More than seven

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

MO: Enforcer for the Hebrew Israelite cult; killed cult DATE(S): 1920s–35 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

defectors and opponents; at least one victim killed

"Numerous"

from personal spite

MO: Contract killer for ARTHUR FLEGENHEIMER gang DISPOSITION: 22-year prison term in Florida, 1987; DISPOSITION: Murdered with Flegenheimer, Oct. 23, later turned state's evidence against cult leader Yah-1935

weh Ben Yahweh and entered witness protection

program as "Robert Ramses"; convicted in July

Roth, Randolph Gordon (1954–)

2000 of check fraud in California; charges dismissed SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

in a New Jersey cult murder, September 2000

DATE(S): 1981/90 VENUE: Seattle, Wash., area

VICTIMS: Two

Rudabaugh, Dave (1841–86)

MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of wives for insurance

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DISPOSITION: 50 years on one count, 1992

DATE(S): 1876–86 VENUE: Tex./N. Mex./Mexico

VICTIMS: "Several"

Roulet, Jacques (?–?)

MO: Old West outlaw and gunman; victims included SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

one lawman

DATE(S): 1590s VENUE: France VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Beheaded by friends of his last two vic-

"Many" confessed

tims, in Mexico, Feb. 1886

Rudloff, Fritz (1904–54)

Ruzicka, James (1950–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-revenge

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1954 VENUE: Walterhausen, East Ger-

DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Seattle, Wash. VICTIMS:

many VICTIMS: Three

Two

MO:Hospital nurse who killed three patients to spite MO: Serial rapist who killed girls age 14 and 16

their doctor, a personal enemy

DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms, 1974

DISPOSITION: Executed, 1954

Ryakhovsky, Sergei (1963–) AKA: The Hippopota-Rulloffson, Edward Howard (d. 1871) AKA: Edward mus

Ruloff

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1991–93 VENUE: Moscow, Russia VIC-

DATE(S): 1870–71 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: Four+

TIMS: 19

MO: “Herb healer” who killed patients (including his MO: Obese necrophile; victims raped/mutilated after wife and daughter), selling bodies for dissection; death

also killed male burglary victim

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1995

DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count, May 1871

Saietta, Ignazio (1877–1944) AKA:Lupo the Wolf **Runge, Paul Frederick** (1970–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1899–1920 VENUE: New York City

DATE(S): 1995–97 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

VICTIMS: 60+

TIMS: Eight confessed

MO: “Black Hand” extortionist and killer; victims MO: Rape-slayer of female victims aged 10–43; con-slaughtered at “murder stable” in Italian

Harlem DISPOSITION: Served prison terms for extortion and fessed murders on video tape; additional DNA links counterfeiting

found to several victims

DISPOSITION: Confessed in custody, then pleaded not **Saldivar, Efren** (1970–) AKA: Angel of Death guilty; received 90-year prison term for an October SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-“mercy”

2000 jailbreak, July 25, 2002; murder trial pending DATE(S): 1989–97 VENUE: Glendale, Calif. VIC-at press time

TIMS: 60+ confessed

MO: Respiratory therapist at Glendale Adventist Med-Rush, James Blomfield (d. 1849)

ical Center who killed patients by suffocation and SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

injection; confessed 60 murders through 1994 but DATE(S): 1848 VENUE: Norwich, England VIC-

“lost count” over the next three years

TIMS: Three alleged

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on six counts and

MO: Tried for murdering his landlord in a personal received life prison term without parole, March 12, dispute; also accused of killing his own parents 2002

DISPOSITION: Hanged on April 21, 1849

Sampson, Gary Lee (1960–)

Rust, Mark Erin (1965–)

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

felony

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: South Australia VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Mass./N.H. VICTIMS:

Two

Three

MO: Rape slayer of women in their 20s and 30s

MO: Hitchhiker who murdered those who offered

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on one count in Decem-rides and stole their cars

ber 2002; pleaded guilty on second count in April DISPOSITION: Condemned under federal carjacking 2003; received life term without

parole, April 2004
statute, Dec. 27, 2003
Russell, George Waterfield (1958–)
Samuels, Mary Ellen (1948–)
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Seattle, Wash. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: Southern California
Three
VICTIMS: Two
MO: Raped/bludgeoned/strangled women age 24–36
MO: Arranged the contract murder of her husband, DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms plus 28
then killed the gunman
years, 1991
DISPOSITION: Condemned on Sept. 16, 1994

Sanchez, Ted Brian (1964–)
Santos, Steven (1982–)
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Bakersfield, Calif. VIC-
felony
TIMS: Three
DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:
MO: Beat/stabbed robbery victims
Three
DISPOSITION: Condemned
MO: Burglar who shot three victims aged 49–88, in the same apartment house
Sanchez-Velasco, Rigoberto (1959–)
DISPOSITION: Convicted and sentenced to life impris-SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC
onment, November 2003
DATE(S): 1986/1995 VENUE: Florida VICTIMS:
Three

Sapp, John (1949–)

MO: Rape-slayer of an 11-year-old girl in Miami; later SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

killed two death row inmates at state prison

DATE(S): 1975–86 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, plus life for Four+ suspected

sexual battery on a child and five years for theft; MO: Drifter linked to the deaths of his mother, girl-received two terms of 15 years to life for prison slay-friend, and two male victims

ings, June 1998

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1987

Sanders, Martin Lee (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Sappington, Marc V. (1979–)

DATE(S): 1980–90 VENUE: Washington State VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

TIMS: Four alleged

specific

MO: Long-haul trucker and rape-slayer of teenaged DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Kansas City, Kan. VIC-girls

TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Arrested 1990; confessed two murders MO: Drug addict who heard voices predicting his to avoid execution; received life prison term

death if he did not kill various neighbors; cannibalized the youngest of his victims, also kidnapping a **Santo, Anthony** (1894–)

fourth, who survived

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

DISPOSITION: On Sept. 4, 2004 received a life term specific

with 75-year minimum for three murders, plus six DATE(S): 1908 VENUE: N.Y./Mass. VICTIMS:

and a half years for kidnapping and two and a half Three

years for carjacking

MO: Murdered younger children during “mad spells”

DISPOSITION: Ruled insane; committed to asylum for **Sarmento, William** (1966–)

life

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific

Santonastaso, Peter (?–) AKA: Monster of Caserta DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Providence, R.I. VIC-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Caserta, Italy VIC-

MO: Killed two young boys, blaming orders from TIMS: Four suspected

Satan

MO: Slayer of female prostitutes

DISPOSITION: Ruled incompetent; committed to asy-DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on one count; sentence lum, 1989

unknown

Santos, José Augusto dos (1960–)

Sarwar, Maulvi Gulam (?–)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Cult

SEX: M

RACE: A

TYPE: T

MOTIVE: PC-

DATES(S): 1995–2000 VENUE: São Paulo, Brazil

extremist

VICTIMS:Two

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Lahore, Pakistan VIC-

MO: Priest of Candomblé religion, linked to human TIMS: Four confessed

sacrifice and grave robberies; 16 human skulls and MO: Religious fanatic who attacked five prostitutes, other bones found at his home; formally charged killing four

with killing a child and a man whose remains were DISPOSITION: Confessed his crimes in custody, then recovered

recanted; charges dismissed when witnesses refused DISPOSITION: Unknown

to testify

Savage, Gail (1963–)

DATE(S): 19??–18 VENUE: Mich./N.Y./N.J./Mo.

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

VICTIMS: “Dozens” suspected

cific

MO: Profit-motivated “Bluebeard” slayer of immigrant DATE(S): 1991–93 VENUE: Waukegan, Ill. VIC-women, lured with ads in newspaper “lonely-

TIMS: Three

hearts” columns

MO: Killed her own children; deaths blamed on SIDS

DISPOSITION: Jailhouse suicide in Mich. prior to trial DISPOSITION: 20 years on guilty plea to three

on one count, 1918

manslaughter counts, 1994

Schmidt, William Cecil, Jr. (1933–89)

Savini, Paul (?–) AKA: Monster of St. Remo SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-nonSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

specific

DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: St. Remo, Italy VIC-

DATE(S): 1987–89 VENUE: Ga./Ariz. VICTIMS:

TIMS: Four suspected

Three suspected

MO: Smothered middle-aged prostitutes

MO: “Survivalist” gunrunner and occultist; linked to DISPOSITION: Suicide to avoid arrest, 1992

beating/strangulation of three women, including his wife

Schaefer, Gary Lee (1951–)

DISPOSITION: Suicide in Ariz. to avoid capture, Jan.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

1990

DATE(S): 1979–83 VENUE: Springfield, Vt. VIC-

TIMS: Three

Schrott, Ernest (?–) AKA: Monster of Bolzano MO: Rape-slayer of young girls

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: 30 years to life in plea bargain on one DATE(S): 1993–95 VENUE: Bolzano, Italy VIC-count

TIMS: Two confessed

MO: Rape-slayer of women

Scheanette, Dale Devon (1973–)

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty; sentence unknown

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Arlington, Tex. VICTIMS:

Schultz (1870–21)

Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO: Raped five women during home invasions, killing DATE(S): 1894–1920 VENUE: Spandau, Germany

two aged 22 and 25; victims left nude in their bath-VICTIMS: 11

tubs

DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, January

MO: Random slayer of men, women, and children, 2003

including two brothers-in-law

DISPOSITION: Executed, 1921

Schlatter, Darrell (1952–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Scieri, Antoinette (?–?)

DATE(S): 1985–92 VENUE: Tulsa, Okla. VIC-

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1924–26 VENUE: St. Gilles, France VIC-MO: Swindler who murdered his victims

TIMS: 12

DISPOSITION: Suicide by hanging in jail, June 30, 1993

MO: “Nurse” who robbed/killed elderly patients DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1926 (sentence com-Schmid, Charles Howard, Jr. (1942–75) AKA: Pied muted to life on appeal)

Piper of Tucson

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

Scott, Kody (1963–) AKA: Monster

specific

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1964–65 VENUE: Tucson, Ariz. VIC-

DATE(S): 1975–85 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

TIMS: Three

VICTIMS: 12+ admitted

MO: Thirll killer of girls age 15–19

MO: Violent member of Crips street gang

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1966 (commuted, 1972); DISPOSITION: Seven years for attempted murder, murdered in prison, Mar. 1975

1985 (paroled 1988); seven years for assault and auto theft, 1991

Schmidt, Helmuth (d. 1918) AKA: American Bluebeard

Scripps, John Martin (d. 1996)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Central America/South-

MO: Pedophile poisoner of prepubescent boys

east Asia VICTIMS: Four+

DISPOSITION: Executed May 23, 1936

MO: Trained butcher and British escaped convict; victims robbed and dismembered during global flight **Segee, Robert Dale** (1930–)

from justice

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:

DISPOSITION: Hanged in Singapore, Apr. 19, 1996

Sad./Pyearomania

DATE(S): 1938–50 VENUE: New England/Japan

Scully, Anthony (1944–)

VICTIMS: 173 confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

MO: Murdered children in individual assaults; set DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: Oakland/San Francisco,

many fires, including one that killed 169 victims Calif. VICTIMS: Seven

DISPOSITION: Confessed in 1950; never charged with MO: Ex-cop who killed prostitutes and a drug dealer, murder; four to 40 years for arson in Conn.;

sealing some bodies in oil drums, left in Golden released from supervision, May 1959

Gate Park

DISPOSITION: Life without parole, 1986

Seiha Fujima (1961–)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

Seager, Monte (1962–)

DATE(S): 1981–82 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Killed a 21-year-old man in dispute over money DATE(S); 1987–79 VENUE: Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

(Yokohama); next stabbed a 45-year-old woman

VICTIMS: Three

and her two teenage daughters (Fujisawa); finally MO: Shot a woman before raping and shooting her 12-killed his 19-year-old accomplice in those murders year-old daughter; later beat a second woman to (Amagasaki)

death

DISPOSITION: Condemned; death sentence upheld on DISPOSITION: Charged with double murder in 1981, appeal, June 17, 2004

dismissed due to improper search; convicted of 1979

murder and sentenced to a life term, completed in **Selepe, David** (d. 1994) AKA: Cleveland Strangler February 2000; convicted of double murder in 1999, SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

overturned on appeal in 1999; convicted of double DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Cleveland, South Africa

murder at second trial, Aug. 2000, receiving two VICTIMS: 11 alleged

consecutive life terms

MO: Rape-strangler of women

DISPOSITION: Shot by policeman he attacked during **Sears, Charles** (1949–)

tour of murder sites, Dec. 17, 1994

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Sellers, Sean Richard (1969–)

DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extremist

Two

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Oklahoma City VIC-
MO: Slashed male vagrants with razor in random TIMS: Three
street assaults
MO: Shot his parents and a store clerk as satanic sacri-DISPOSITION: Ruled incompetent and committed to fices
asylum, 1982
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1986; executed Feb. 4, 1999
Seda, Heriberto (1970–) AKA: Zodiac
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
Selman, John (1839–96)
specific
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DATE(S): 1990–94 VENUE: New York City VIC-
DATE(S): 1880–96 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: 20
TIMS: Three
MO: Renegade lawman and outlaw; victims included MO: Random street shootings of nine victims; three BASS OUTLAW and JOHN WESLEY HARDIN
died
DISPOSITION: Killed in shoutout with fellow lawman, DISPOSITION: 83 years on three counts, 1998
Apr. 1, 1896
Seefeld, Adolf (1871–1936)
Serviatti, Cesar (?–) AKA: Monster of the Railway SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
Line
DATE(S): 1908–35 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
12 confessed
specific

DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Italy VICTIMS: Seven
MO: Sex slayer of two children (1972) and 11 female MO: Killed victims along Railroad line between Rome prostitutes
and La Spezia

DISPOSITION: 25 years on one count, 1972 (paroled DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentence unknown

1987); 250 years on 10 counts, 1991

Sexton, Eddie Lee (1942–)

Shaw, Gary A. (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

tic

DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Tacoma, Wash. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Hillsborough County, Fla.

Two

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Rape-slayer of women who were dumped in the MO: Abusive/incestuous father who commanded his woods outside town

children to kill; daughter smothered her infant child DISPOSITION: Life prison term

on his orders; son strangled the child's father (Sexton's son-in-law)

Shaw, Sebastian Alexander (1967) Born: Chau Quong DISPOSITION: Condemned + 15 years for conspiracy, Ho

1995; death sentence overturned with new trial SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

ordered, 1997

DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Portland, Ore. VIC-

TIMS: Three

Shah, Abdullah (1965–) AKA: Zavad's Dog MO: Enraged at coworkers, killed total strangers to SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extrem-vent anger while avoiding suspicion; also raped one ist

male victim's girlfriend and another woman, who DATE(S): 1992–96 VENUE: Afghanistan VIC-survived; DNA linked him to a second woman's

TIMS: Hundreds

rape-slaying

MO: Served under commander Zavad during civil war, DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on two murder counts slaughtering numerous civilian victims en route and received a life sentence in 2000; charged with between Kabul and Jalalabad during Afghan civil second killing in 2004; judge issued rare pretrial war; also killed four of his five wives, one scalded acquittal on grounds of "inexcusable neglect" by with boiling oil

prosecution

DISPOSITION: First murder trial imposed a 20-year sentence; trial judge dismissed and replaced for sec-Shearing, David William (1959–)

ond trial; executed on conviction of 20 murders, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

April 20, 2004

DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: British Columbia VIC-

TIMS: Six

Shapiro, Jacob (1899–1947) AKA: Gurrah

MO: Killed four adult campers aged 40–66; took two SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

of their daughters, aged 11 and 13, as sex slaves, DATE(S): 1920s–36 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

then murdered them later

"Numerous"

DISPOSITION: Received six concurrent life terms with MO: Labor racketeer and sadistic gangland killer a 25-year minimum, April 17, 1984

DISPOSITION: Life term in N.Y., 1936; died in prison, 1947

Shekhar, Shashi (1976–)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

Sharafudin (?–?) AKA: Butcher of Hooshiarpore DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: India VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Strangled household maids and robbed the homes DATE(S): 1850s–60s VENUE: India VICTIMS: 14+

of their employers

MO: "Notorious poisoner" of intended robbery vic-DISPOSITION: Received four consecutive life terms in tims; one report by British officer alludes to "hun-two murder trials, the second completed on April dreds" poisoned, though a majority of those

30, 2004

poisoned apparently survived

DISPOSITION: "Baffled pursuit"; never captured **Shepherd, Joseph** (?–)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Shawcross, Arthur John (1945–)

DATE(S): 1992/94 VENUE: Tenn. VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Killed first victim in 1992; teen girl killed in 1994
DATE(S): 1972/1988–89 VENUE: Rochester, N.Y.
DISPOSITION: Convicted on first count (overturned VICTIMS: 13
on appeal); condemned, 1994 (commuted, 1995)

Sherman, Lydia (1825–79) AKA: Queen Poisoner MO: AWOL sailor; shot male adults in unprovoked SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
attacks
DATE(S): 1864–71
VENUE: N.Y./Conn.
VIC-
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1973
TIMS: 10
MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands and chil-Shulman, Robert (1954–)
dren for life insurance
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Life sentence; died in prison May 16, DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:
1879
Five
MO: Dismembered female prostitutes from Queens, **Shikder, Ershad** (d. 2004)
leaving remains in trash bins throughout Brooklyn SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE-and Westchester County
DISPOSITION: Condemned on three counts, May 7, felony
1999
DATE(S): 1984–2004 VENUE: Khulna, Bangladesh
VICTIMS: 79+
Sides, Mervin (?–)
MO: Criminal “godfather” and enforcer for political SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
interests who also killed personal enemies; body-DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Nev./Okla. VICTIMS:

guards report that he committed at least 20 murders Eight confessed; three confirmed

personally and ordered 59; arrested after he killed a MO: Executed victims of kidnap-robberies

member of the ruling political clique

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on two counts in DISPOSITION: Hanged on conviction of seven mur-Okla., 1990; life with 15 years minimum in Nev., ders, May 11, 2004

1993; accomplice Bill Harris sentenced to life without parole in Okla.

Shipin, Sergei (1975–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Sidyno, Samuel (1962–) AKA: Capital Park Killer DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: St. Petersburg, Russia SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

VICTIMS: 10

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Pretoria, South Africa MO: Serial rapist who attacked 12 women, killing 10; VICTIMS: Seven

several murder victims were cannibalized

MO: Alleged strangler of two females and five males DISPOSITION: Confessed his crimes in November

aged 12–25; female victims were raped

1999; sentence unknown

DISPOSITION: Received seven life terms on Sept. 6, 2000

Shobek, Michiah (1954–76)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

Siebert, Daniel Lee (1955–)

cific

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: Nassau, Bahamas VIC-

DATE(S): 1979/85–86 VENUE: Nev./N.J./Calif./Ala.

TIMS: Three

VICTIMS: 11+

MO: Stabbed male American tourists, describing them MO: Stabbed gay man (1979); strangled women and children

as “angels of Lucifer”

DISPOSITION: Convicted of manslaughter, 1979

DISPOSITION: Hanged Oct. 19, 1976

(paroled 1985); condemned in Ala., 1987

Short, Luke (1854–93) AKA: Understaker's Friend **Siegel, Benjamin** (1905–47) AKA: Bugsy

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1876–90 VENUE: Kans./Colo./Tex. VIC-

DATE(S): 1920s–40s VENUE: N.Y./N.J./Calif. VICTIMS: 10+

TIMS: "Numerous"

MO: Bootlegger, gambler, and gunfighter

MO: Psychopathic racketeer; insisted on personal DISPOSITION: Died of dropsy at age 39

involvement in murders even after elevation to

"boss" status

Shreeves, Bruce Henderson (1951–)

DISPOSITION: Murdered for embezzling mob money, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-June 20, 1947

specific

DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Montgomery County, Md.

Sigsbee, Donald M. (1935–)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1973–76 VENUE: Madison County, N.Y.

DATE(S): 1986–94 VENUE: Cape Town, South

VICTIMS: Five alleged

Africa VICTIMS: 22

MO: Rape-slayer of female hitchhikers aged 12–21

MO: Gay slayer of young boys; chose mixed-race victims DISPOSITION: Received sentence of 25 years to life on DISPOSITION: 25 years on one count; increased to life one murder count, April 20, 2004

term on appeal

Silva, Mauricio Rodriguez (1960–)

Sims, Paula Marie (1959–)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DATE(S): 1978/84 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

cific
VICTIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1986/89 VENUE: Ill. VICTIMS: Two
MO: Shot three teenagers and strangled his own half-MO: Killed her own infant children, blaming “masked sister
intruders”
DISPOSITION: Convicted of manslaughter, 1978
DISPOSITION: Life without parole, 1990
(paroled 1984); condemned on three counts, 1985; commuted to life, April 2001

Sinclair, Angus (1945–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Silveria, Robert Joseph (1958–) AKA: Boxcar Killer DATE(S): 1977–80 VENUE: Scotland VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
12+ alleged
DATE(S): 1980s–96 VENUE:
MO: Rape slayer of young women abducted from or Ore./Mont./Utah/Wash./Calif./Ariz./Kans./Fla.
near urban bars
VICTIMS: 14+
DISPOSITION: Received life sentence in 1982 for 14
MO: Transient who murdered other hoboes
sexual assaults on girls aged 6–14 during 1978–79; DISPOSITION: Two consecutive life terms in Ore., received second life term on one count of murder, 1998
2001; DNA links him to other slayings

Simmons, Beoria Abraham, III (1954–)

Sinclair, Charles T. (d. 1990)
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony
DATE(S): 1981–83 VENUE: Louisville, Ky. VIC-
DATE(S): 1980–90 VENUE: U.S./Canada VIC-
TIMS: Three
TIMS: 12
MO: Rape-slayer of white women kidnapped and shot MO: Executed coin shop proprietors in robberies DISPOSITION: Condemned

across seven U.S. states and British Columbia

DISPOSITION: Died of heart attack in jail before trial, **Simmons, Willie** (1964–)

Aug. 1990

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

cific

Singh, Dara (?–)

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: St. Louis, Mo. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

Two

extremist

MO: Bludgeoned/strangled women during home inva-DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Eastern India VICTIMS:

sions

Three

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1989

MO: Hindu extremist who led mobs against spokesmen for other religions in the Keonihar and

Simon, Robert R. (1950–) AKA: Mudman

Mayurbhani districts; burned to death an Australian SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

missionary and his two young sons; later lynched a DATE(S): 1971–95 VENUE: Pa./N.J./Va. VICTIMS:

Muslim merchant and torched his store

Seven+ suspected

DISPOSITION: Singh condemned on three counts,

MO: Outlaw biker and career criminal; shot woman Sept. 22, 2003; 12 unnamed accomplices received who resisted sex (1974); killed police officer follow-life prison terms at the same time

ing robbery (1995)

DISPOSITION: 10–20 years in Pa., 1982 (paroled **Siswanto** (?–) AKA: Robot Gedek

1995); condemned in N.J., 1997

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Indonesia VICTIMS:

Simons, Norman Afzal (1974–) AKA: Station 12 confessed

Strangler

MO: Pedophile mutilator of boys age nine to 15

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1997

Smallwood, Frederick Baker, Sr. (1944–) DATE(S): 1974/1994 VENUE: Ohio/N.J. VIC-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1991/95 VENUE: Ga./Va. VICTIMS:

MO: Bluebeard slayer of wives reported missing 20

Two

years apart; remains of first wife found 1980, identi-MO: Baptist minister and "Bluebeard" slayer of fied in 2000; second wife still missing

women for profit

DISPOSITION: Convicted of first wife's murder in DISPOSITION: Life sentence in Va., 1995

Ohio; received a term of 15 years to life on July 19, 2001; held responsible for second wife's death in a **Smith, Benjamin Nathaniel** (1978–99)

New Jersey civil lawsuit, Dec. 21, 2000

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

extremist

Smith, Joseph Clarence, Jr. (1949–)

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Ill./Ind. VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Neo-Nazi cultist who targeted racial/ethnic DATE(S): 1975–76 VENUE: Phoenix, Ariz. VIC-minorities in drive-by shootings; shot 10 victims, TIMS: Two

killing two

MO: Stabbed/suffocated teenage female hitchhikers DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot during police pur-DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, pled guilty suit near Salem, Ill., on July 3, 1999

on second, 1977

Smith, Charles (?–)

Smith, Lemuel Warren (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

specific
DATE(S): 1976–81 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: Three
DATE(S): 1958 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:
MO: Shot two holdup victims; beat/strangled female Two
prison guard
MO: Shot male victims without apparent motive
DISPOSITION: three life terms, 1977; condemned DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1958
1983; sentence commuted

Smith, Frank Lee (1947–)

Smith, Mark Alan (1949–)
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE/Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1960/65/85 VENUE: Broward County, Fla.
DATE(S): 1966–70 VENUE: South
VICTIMS: Three
Korea/Germany/U.S. VICTIMS: 15–20
MO: Stabbed boy in argument; shot holdup victim; MO: Rape-slayer of young women on three continents raped/killed eight-year-old girl
DISPOSITION: 11 months juvenile detention,
DISPOSITION: 500 years for three counts in Ill., 1971
1960–61; life term, 1966; condemned, 1985

Smith, Ned (?–)

Smith, George Joseph (1872–1915) AKA: Brides-inSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE
the-bath Murderer
DATE(S): 1981–1990 VENUE: Sydney, Australia
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
VICTIMS: More than seven
DATE(S): 1912–14 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
MO: Syndicate mobster who killed a trucker in a road-Three
rage incident; later confessed six other slayings to a MO:“Bluebeard” slayer of wives for profit, drowning prison cellmate
each in the bathtub as staged “accidents”
DISPOSITION: Life sentence for the trucker’s murder, DISPOSITION: Hanged Aug. 13, 1915

1990; turned state's evidence against fellow gangsters, 1993; indicted on four additional murder **Smith, Gerald** (d. 1990)

counts, 1995; received another life prison term, Sep-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

tember 1998

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Mo. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Beat ex-girlfriend to death, 1980; stabbed prison **Smith, Philip John** (1966–) AKA: Big Foot inmate

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Condemned on both counts; executed DATE(S): 1985–2000 VENUE: U.K./Ireland VIC-Jan. 18, 1990

TIMS: 40 suspected

MO: Traveling fair worker who bludgeoned women in **Smith, John David** (1950–)

random attacks throughout England, Scotland,

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

Wales, and Ireland

DISPOSITION: Received life prison term for murders MO: Killed a married couple and two women; female of three women at Birmingham, England, July 18, victims raped

2001

DISPOSITION: Life term on two counts, 1997

Smith, Stephen Richard (?–86)

Snyder, David E., Jr. (1963–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: TN MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1982–86 VENUE: San Antonio, Tex.

DATE(S): 1982–84 VENUE: Fla./Md. VICTIMS:

VICTIMS: Three+ suspected

Four suspected

MO: Vigilante cop linked to shootings of suspected MO: Rape-slayer of girls age 14–17

criminals

DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one count in Md., DISPOSITION: Killed by fellow officer, Aug. 17, 1986

1985

Smith, William Scott (?–)

Snyder, Leroy (1931–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DATE(S): 1981/84 VENUE: Idaho/Ore. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1969 VENUE: Camden, N.J. VICTIMS:

Three suspected

Seven confessed

MO: Lust killer of females age 14–21

MO: Robbed/beat/stabbed seven acquaintances, raping DISPOSITION: Life term with 40-year minimum on two of the females

two counts in Ore., 1984

DISPOSITION: three consecutive life terms, 1970

Smithers, Samuel Lee (1953–)

Sobig, Klaus Peter (1957–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Hillsborough Co., Fla.

Sex./Sad./CE

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1976/84 VENUE: Bielfeld, Germany VIC-

MO: Murders committed in personal altercations, 16

TIMS: Two

days apart

MO: Stabbed male robbery victim (1976); raped/stran-DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, June 25, gled elderly woman during residential burglary 1999

(1984)

DISPOSITION: Nine and one-half years on one count, **Smyth, Evan** (1964–)

1977 (paroled 1983); life term, 1985

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

specific

Sodeman, Arnold Karl (1900–36)

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Wheaton, Md. VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Four

DATE(S): 1930–35 VENUE: Victoria, Australia

MO: Over a two-week period, stabbed a 20-year-old VICTIMS: Four

man, shot a 21-year-old man, then beat and stran-MO: Alcoholic strangler of girls age six to 16

gled a 17-year-old girl in her home; flesh found at DISPOSITION: Hanged, June 1936

the third crime scene matched DNA of a 43-year-old man still missing.

Sokichi Furuya (1914–85)

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty on four counts and SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

received four consecutive life terms, July 2004

DATE(S): 1965 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS: 10

MO: Robbed/killed elderly victims in their homes **Snell, Richard Wayne** (1930–95)

DISPOSITION: Hanged, May 31, 1985

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

extremist

Sokolowski, David Allen (1957–)

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Ark. VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-conflict

MO: Neo-Nazi; shot black policeman and pawnbroker DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Schley, N.C. VICTIMS:

thought to be Jewish

Two

DISPOSITION: Executed Apr. 19, 1995

MO: Dismembered female lover and male friend at his home

Snow, David Alexander (1955–)

DISPOSITION: Life term with 20-year minimum, 1994

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Ontario, Canada VIC-

Solomon, Morris, Jr. (1944–)

TIMS: Four suspected

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif.

MO: Violent drug addict who confessed seven murders VICTIMS: Seven

after police found effects of a missing 74-year-old MO: Rape-slayer of women in his neighborhood

woman in his home; other victims, of both sexes, DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1988

ranged in age from 16 to 60; one victim mutilated with hands severed

Somkid, Pumpuang

DISPOSITION: Unknown

SEX: M TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex

DATE(S): 2005 VENUE: Thailand VICTIMS: 4–5

Spanbauer, David F. (1940–2002)

MO: Rape-strangler of female prostitutes

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Arrested June 29, 2005; found with DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Wisc. VICTIMS: Three

items stolen from various victims and confessed in MO:Rape-slayer of females age 10–21

custody to four murders. Police claim a fifth victim, DISPOSITION: 403 years on three counts, 1994; died whom Somkid denied killing. Trial pending at press in prison, July 29, 2002

time.

Spangler, Robert M. (1933–2001)

Sommer, Fred, Jr. (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

specific

DATE(S): 1957 VENUE: Cameron Mills, N.Y. VIC-

DATE(S): 1978–94 VENUE: Colo./Ariz. VICTIMS:

TIMS: Two

Five

MO: Killed motorists to use cars in armed robberies MO: Bluebeard killer of wives and children; shot first DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1958

wife and two children in 1978, staging the scene as a murder-suicide by wife; pushed second wife into **Sonner, Michael H.** (1968–)

Grand Canyon, 1992; third wife died of drug overSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

dose, 1994

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Tex./Nev. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Confessed four murders (excluding Three

third wife) after diagnosis of cancer in 2000; died MO: Shot two robbery victims (Tex.) and police officer with trial pending, 2001

(Nev.)

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Nev., 1994

Spara, Hieronyma (d. 1659)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Sorenson, Della (1897–?)

DATE(S): 1650s

VENUE: Italy

VICTIMS:

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-domes-

"Numerous"

tic

MO: "Witch" and poisoner-for-hire of husbands

DATE(S): 1918–25 VENUE: Nebr. VICTIMS: Seven

DISPOSITION: Hanged with one accomplice and three MO: "Black widow" poisoner of family members "to clients, 1659

get even"

DISPOSITION: Ruled insane and committed to asy-Spaziano, Joseph Robert (1944–) AKA: Crazy Joe lum, 1925

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Soulakiotis, Mariam (1900–?)

VICTIMS: Two suspected

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-extremist

MO: Outlaw biker; alleged rape-slayer of young DATE(S): 1940–50 VENUE: Keratea, Greece VIC-women left in dumpsters

TIMS: 177

DISPOSITION: Life + five years for rape/assault, 1975

MO: Calendarist cult leader whose followers died from (victim blinded with a knife); condemned on one beatings, torture, and starvation

count, 1976 (death sentence overturned on appeal, DISPOSITION: Two years for illegally detaining a new trial pending)

child, 1951; 14 years for additional felonies, 1953; no murder charges

Speck, Richard Franklin (1941–91)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
Sovdat, Matija (1975–)
DATE(S): 1966 VENUE: Ind./Ill. VICTIMS: 12 susSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
pected
specific
MO: Linked to four random murders of women before DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Stockholm, Sweden
he massacred eight student nurses in their Chicago VICTIMS: Seven confessed
rooming house

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1966 (commuted 1972);
DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Pa. VICTIMS: Four
died in prison Dec. 5, 1991
MO: Shot brother and three women age 41–71, in four-county rampage
Spencer, Anthony (1947–)
DISPOSITION: 17–30 years for manslaughter on one SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
count; condemned on three others
DATE(S): 1964 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:
Two
Spraggins, Jerry Jerome (1955–)
MO: Serial rapist; killed two of 14 known victims SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE/Sex.
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1965
DATE(S): 1981–83 VENUE: Montclair, N.J. VIC-
TIMS: Three suspected
Spencer, Diane (1968–)
MO: Burglar-rapist linked to deaths of three women in SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-the same apartment over two-year period
cific
DISPOSITION: 30-year sentence on one count, 1985
DATE(S): 1983–90 VENUE: Mich./Pa. VICTIMS:

Three suspected

Stafford, Roger Dale (1951–95)

MO: Suffocated her young children, blaming SIDS

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Mich., 1992

DATE(S): 1978 VENUE: Okla. VICTIMS: Nine

suspected

Spencer, Timothy Wilson (1962–94)

MO: Murdered a family of three in June 1978; shot six SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

victims in a restaurant holdup three weeks later DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Arlington County, Va.

DISPOSITION: Executed July 1, 1995

VICTIMS: Four

MO: Serial rapist who tortured his victims, killing some **Stager, Barbara** (1948–)

DISPOSITION: Executed Apr. 27, 1994

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1977/96 VENUE: Monroe County, Ohio

Spillman, Jack Owen, III (?–)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

MO: “Black widow” slayer of husbands for insurance, DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Okanogan County,

in staged firearms “accidents”

Wash. VICTIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1989 (com-MO: Rape-mutilation slayer of female victims, one muted on appeal)

nine years old; aspired to be the “world’s greatest serial killer”

Stapleburg, Marthinus Jakobus (1974–)

DISPOSITION: Confessed three counts to avoid death SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-sentence; received life prison term, 1996

extremist/CE

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: South Africa VIC-

Spilotro, Anthony (1938–86) AKA: Tony the Ant TIMS: Five

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Racist gunman; shot blacks, robbing several victims DATE(S): 1960s–86 VENUE: Ill./Nev./Calif. VIC-DISPOSITION: Life term, 1997

TIMS: 16–18 personal

MO: Mafia “enforcer” and hit man; ordered various **Starrett, Richard Daniel** (1960–)

murders aside from those committed personally

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Murdered by gangland rivals in Ind., DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: S.C./Ga. VICTIMS:

June 1986

Two

MO: Rapist/slayer of girls and young women met **Spisak, Frank G., Jr.** (1950–)

through newspaper classified ads

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extremist

DISPOSITION: Five life terms in S.C., 1991; five life DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: Cleveland, Ohio VIC-terms in Ga., 1993

TIMS: Four

MO: Transvestite Nazi; shot blacks and suspected Jews **Stefano, Raffaele de** (?–) AKA: Vampire of Aversa DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1983

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Aversa, Italy VICTIMS:

Spotz, Mark Newton (1972–)

Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Victims gassed and stabbed to death

specific

DISPOSITION: Life sentence

Stephani, Paul Michael (1944–) AKA:Weepy-MO: Shot male victims during a month-long murder voiced killer

spree

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

DISPOSITION: Executed on three counts in Illinois, specific

Sept. 16, 1986

DATE(S): 1981–82 VENUE: Minneapolis/St. Paul
VICTIMS: Three

Stiles, Billie (d. 1908)

MO: Stabbed women age 18–33 in random attacks
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DISPOSITION: 40 years on one count, 1982; con-
DATE(S): 1880s–1908 VENUE: Ariz./Nev. VIC-
fessed two more from prison, 1997
TIMS: “Several”

MO: Outlaw and occasional lawman; killed own father **Stevanin, Gianfranco** (?–)

at age 12
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DISPOSITION: Shot from ambush by 12-year-old son DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Verona, Italy
of last victim, Jan. 1908
VICTIMS:Six
MO: Farmworker; raped/mutilated women

Stokes, Winford Lavern (1951–90)

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1998
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
specific

Stevens, Alan Michael (1942–) AKA: Buzzard DATE(S): 1969–78 VENUE: Mo. VICTIMS: Three
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Psychotic slayer of women
DATE(S): 1985–90 VENUE: San Diego, Ca. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Ruled insane on two counts; escaped TIMS: Three to four suspected
from asylum, 1978; executed on third count, May MO: Drifter and rape-slayer of young women
12, 1990
DISPOSITION: 25 years to life on one count, 1991

Stone, Michael Anthony (1955–)

Stevens, Charles Arnett (1960–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

extremist

cific

DATE(S): 1984–88 VENUE: Belfast, North Ireland DATE(S): 1969–76 VENUE: Oakland, Calif. VIC-VICTIMS: Six

TIMS: Three

MO: Sectarian assassin of Catholics and Republicans MO: Shot freeway motorists in random drive-by attacks DISPOSITION: Life term for six murders and five DISPOSITION: Condemned

attempted murders, 1989

Stevens, Walter (1867–1939) AKA: Dean of Chicago Gunmen

Stoudenmire, Dallas (1845–82) AKA: Stoudenmire SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

the Butcher

DATE(S): c. 1900–29 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

TIMS: 60+

DATE(S): 1881 VENUE: El Paso, Tex. VICTIMS:

MO: Syndicate hit man

Four+

DISPOSITION: Retired from mob involvement; died of MO: Quick-trigger renegade lawman

natural causes

DISPOSITION: Killed in personal quarrel, Sept. 18, 1882

Stewart, Kenneth Allen (1963–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Straffen, John Thomas (1930–)

DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Hillsborough County,

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

Fla. VICTIMS: Two

specific

MO: Killed robbery victims and torched their homes DATE(S): 1951–52 VENUE: Bath/Farley Hill, Eng-DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts + 141

land VICTIMS: Three

years, 1986

MO: Deranged child killer; bludgeoned/stabbed girls age five to nine

Stewart, Ray Lee (1942–86)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1952; commuted to life SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-the same year.

specific

DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Rockford, Ill., and Beloit, **Strauss, Harry** (1908–41) AKA: Pittsburgh Phil; Pep Wisc. VICTIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1932–40 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-

Subbiah, Arulraj (1977–)

TIMS: 100+ suspected

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

MO: Premier killer of "MURDER, INC."

cific

DISPOSITION: Executed at Sing Sing, June 12, 1941

DATE(S): 1998–2001 VENUE: Palayamkottai, India VICTIMS: Three

Stroud, Robert Franklin (1887–1963) AKA: Bird MO: Stabbed his brother-in-law, bludgeoned a male Man of Alcatraz

coworker, then stabbed a male witness to the second SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

killing; drank blood in each case

DATE(S): Killed a personal enemy in Alaska; later mur-DISPOSITION: Granted bail on first and second cases; dered a prison guard

final disposition unknown

DISPOSITION: Received two consecutive life terms **Succo, Robert** (d. 1988)

Stuard, James William (1937–) AKA: Senior Citi-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

zen Killer

specific

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: France VICTIMS: Six

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Phoenix, Ariz. VICTIMS:

MO: Paranoid schizophrenic slayer of three policemen Three

and three civilians

MO: Home-invading rape-slayer of women age 74–81

DISPOSITION: Suicide in Italian jail, May 23, 1988

DISPOSITION: Convicted on three counts, 1990

Suff, William Lester (1950–)

Stuchberry, David (1948–97)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1973/85–92 VENUE: Tex./Calif. VIC-

DATE(S): 1979–97 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

TIMS: 13–35

Four suspected

MO: Killed infant daughter; “ripper” of female prosti-MO: Ex-convict linked to beating deaths of women tutes

DISPOSITION: Fatally stabbed by woman attacked in DISPOSITION: 70 years in Tex., 1973 (paroled 1983); her home

condemned, 1995

Stuller, Nicklaus (d. 1577)

Sullivan, John Joseph (1939–) AKA: Mad Dog SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1570s VENUE: Germany VICTIMS: Four

DATE(S): 197?–81 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: 23

MO: “Ripper” who disemboweled pregnant women

suspected

and a soldier

MO: Career criminal; armed robber and contract killer DISPOSITION: Publicly tortured to death, 1577

DISPOSITION: Life terms with 100-year minimum on three counts, 1982

Stumpe (or Stubbe), Peter (d. 1589)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Swango, Dr. Michael (1954–)

DATE(S): 1564–89 VENUE: Bedburg, Germany

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

VICTIMS: 15+

specific

MO: “Werewolf” cannibal-killer of numerous victims, DATE(S): 1978–97 VENUE: U.S./Africa VICTIMS:

including his own incestuous offspring

“Dozens” suspected

DISPOSITION: Beheaded and burned, Oct. 28, 1589; MO: Named by FBI as probable serial killer of hospi-daughter Beell and mistress Katherine Trompin

tal patients in Ill., Ohio, Va., Namibia, Zambia, and burned as accomplices

Zimbabwe

DISPOSITION: Five-year term for poisoning Ill. para-Stutzman, Eli E., Jr. (1950–)

medics, 1985 (paroled 1987); plea-bargained for 42-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

month sentence in N.Y. on charges of illegally DATE(S): 1977–85 VENUE: Ohio/Tex./Neb. VIC-prescribing drugs, 1998

TIMS: Five suspected

MO: Gay drifter; killed his wife, young son, and three **Swann, James Edward, Jr.** (1964–) AKA: Shotgun men

Stalker

DISPOSITION: 40 years on guilty plea to one count, in SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-Tex.; HIV positive

cific

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-

Swindler, John E. (1944–90)

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: “Possessed” drive-by slayer of victims shot at ran-DATE(S): ?

VENUE: Ark./S.C./Fla.

VICTIMS:

dom

Four

DISPOSITION: Not guilty by reason of insanity, 1994

MO: Killed victims in three states, including a policeman in Ark.

Swann, Lucas (1960–)

DISPOSITION: Convicted on three counts in two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

states; executed in Ark., June 18, 1990

specific

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DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: Stockport, England

Tadik, Dusko (1956–)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

MO: Stabbed man and woman in random attacks

extremist

DISPOSITION: 20 years to life on guilty plea, both DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Bosnia VICTIMS: 123

counts, 1988

alleged

MO: Bosnian Serb pub owner; tortured/killed Croatian **Swearingen, Larry Ray** (1971–)

and Muslim neighbors during “ethnic cleansing”

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Convicted on 11 counts of war crimes, DATE(S): 1994/1998 VENUE: Ark./Tex. VICTIMS:

1997

Two

MO: Strangler of teenage girls who resembled each **Tannenbaum, Albert** (1906–) AKA: Allie; Tick-other, both dumped in national forests within 50

Tock

miles of where they were kidnapped

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Texas,

DATE(S): 1925–40 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:

July 2000

Six+

MO: Contract killer for “MURDER, INC.”

Sweeney, John (1956–)

DISPOSITION: Immunity granted in exchange for tesSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

timony

specific

DATE(S): 1994–2001 VENUE: London and Amster-

Tannenbaum, Gloria (d. 1971)

dam VICTIMS: Four

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
MO: Attacked five female lovers with axes and knives, cific
killing four
DATE(S): 1969 VENUE: Boulder, Colo. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Convicted of a 1994 attempted mur-Three suspected
der, 2001; received four life terms for a second ax MO: Poisoned two neighbors; linked to disappearance attack and firearms violations, March 2002
of her lover
DISPOSITION: Committed to mental hospital, 1969; **Sweet, William Earl** (1967–)
suicide by poison while confined there, Mar. 9, SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
1971
DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Duval County, Fla. VIC-
TIMS: Two
Tanzi, Michael Anthony (1977–)
MO: Home-invader; killed holdup victims
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1991; 35
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Fla./Mass. VICTIMS:
years on second count, 1994
Three suspected
MO: Kidnapped and strangled a 49-year-old woman; **Swiatek** (d. 1850)
prime suspect in murders of two more women at the SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-laundries where they worked alone
specific
DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Florida DATE(S): 1840s VENUE: Austria VICTIMS: Six+
on April 11, 2003; also received three life terms confessed
for kidnapping, armed robbery and armed car-
MO: Transient cannibal-killer whose family shared the jacking
meat
DISPOSITION: Jailhouse suicide by hanging, prior to **Tapson, Floyd** (1960–)
trial
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1987–96 VENUE: Min./N. Dak./Mont.
MO: Thrill-killer of men lured to the woods by his girl-VICTIMS: Three alleged
friend, allegedly at her insistence
MO: Former group home employee, named by police DISPOSITION: Unknown; probably executed
as sexual predator of mentally retarded women; alleged victims include one killed in 1994; two miss-Tenneson, Michael (1960–)
ing in 1987 and 1996; one raped, shot, and left for SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
dead in 1998
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Wis./Colo. VICTIMS: Five
DISPOSITION: Received life sentence with 30-year MO: Escaped convict who killed/robbed victims of minimum for nonfatal attack in Montana, Aug. 10, both sexes
1999; overturned on appeal, 2001; accepted plea DISPOSITION: two life terms + 48 years in Colo., bargain in same case with two concurrent 75-year 1988; three life terms in Wis., 1988
terms for attempted murder and aggravated kidnapping, Nov. 22, 2003
Tenney, Edward L. (1959–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
Taylor, Blake Raymond (1966–)
specific
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Aurora, Ill. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1985–88 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-
Three
TIMS: Three alleged
MO: Man and two women shot in/near their homes MO: Named by police as rape-slayer of prostitutes DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, 1998
DISPOSITION: Nine years for attempted murder of a prostitute
Terry, Charles E. (d. 1981)
SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1962–63 VENUE: N.Y./La. VICTIMS:

Taylor, Gary Addison (1936–)
Two+ suspected
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: Rape-strangler of women
DATE(S): 1972–76 VENUE: Mich./Tex./Wash.
DISPOSITION: Confessed one count in N.Y., 1963; VICTIMS: 20 suspected
died in prison, 1981
MO: Rape-slayer of women in at least three states DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in Wash., Apr.
Terry, Michael (?–)
1976
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VIC-
Taylor, Kenneth Gordon (1941–)
TIMS: Six
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
MO: Shot/stabbed gay men after sex
specific
DISPOSITION: Life without parole on two counts, DATE(S): 1977–78 VENUE: Tenn./Ohio/Pa. VIC-1987
TIMS: 17 confessed
MO: Thrill-killer of victims selected at random **Teruhiko Masue** (1963–)
DISPOSITION: 30 years on one count of second
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC
degree in Ohio, 1979
DATE(S): 1987–89 VENUE: Kitagata, Japan VIC-
TIMS: Three
Taylor, Michael (1979–)
MO: Killed a female acquaintance after rape, a girlSEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC
friend who dated other men, and a woman who
DATE(S): 1995/1999 VENUE: Missouri VICTIMS:
accused him of damaging her car
Two

DISPOSITION: Confessed three murders while serving MO: Murdered a teenaged girl; later strangled prison time for attempted robbery, then recanted; DNA cellmate

linked him to the crimes in 2002; final disposition DISPOSITION: Life term on first murder; condemned unknown

on second count, Jan. 19, 2003

Thacker, Steven Ray (1970–)

Tcaiuc (1917–?)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Mo./Okla./Tenn.

specific

VICTIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1935 VENUE: Jasi, Romania VICTIMS:

MO: Stabbed an Oklahoma woman to death for her 21 confessed

credit cards; stabbed a man in Missouri while stealing

his car; killed the tow truck driver who stopped to MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of ex-wife and mother

help him when the stolen car ran out of gas

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count + life terms DISPOSITION: Condemned in Oklahoma and Ten-for second count, burglary and kidnapping, 1994

nessee; life sentence in Missouri

Thompson, Ben (1843–84)

Thanos, John Frederick (1949–94)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1863–84 VENUE: La./Tex. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Md. VICTIMS: Three

Eight+

MO: Shot robbery victims age 14–18

MO: "Shootist" and occasional lawman; shot various DISPOSITION: Condemned on three counts; executed personal enemies, including a Union soldier

May 17, 1994

DISPOSITION: Killed in gunfight at San Antonio, Mar.

11, 1884

Theron, John (?–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

Thompson, Jerry K. (1961–)

extremist

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1979–80 VENUE: Namibia VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind. VIC-

200 confessed

TIMS: Three

MO: South African special forces officer who murdered MO: Career criminal; shot two men and one woman in black prisoners of war by strangulation and lethal holdups

injection; also “experimented” on black taxi drivers DISPOSITION: Condemned

with poisoned beer

DISPOSITION: Absolved by South Africa’s Truth and **Thompson, Kelly Ray** (1968–)

Reconciliation Commission in return for confession SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Wash./Colo. VICTIMS:

Tholmer, Brandon (1949–)

Eight confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

MO: Stabbed women in random attacks

DATE(S): 1981–84 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

DISPOSITION: 31 years on one count in Wash., 1998

VICTIMS: 34 suspected

MO: Rape-slayer of elderly women; victims also **Thompson, Raymond Michael** (1930–)

robbed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

DISPOSITION: Four consecutive life terms, 1986

DATE(S): 1980–82 VENUE: Broward County, Fla.

VICTIMS: Two

Thomas, Ed Clifford (1960–)

MO: Killed robbery/kidnap victims

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count + life for DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: Dade County, Fla. VIC-kidnapping, 1986; 17 years six months on second TIMS: Two

count, 1987

MO: Killed victims in personal disputes

DISPOSITION: Two life terms, 1981

Thompson, Robert J. (1909–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

Thomas, Renard Carlos (1962–)

DATE(S): 1958 VENUE: Mexico VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO:American expatriate; raped/robbed/bludgeoned DATE(S): 1981–98 VENUE: DeKalb County, Calif.

female tourists

VICTIMS: Three suspected

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, Nov. 1958

MO: Named as prime suspect in the murders of two wives and a girlfriend

Thompson, William (1845–88?) AKA: Texas Billy DISPOSITION: Received life sentence on April 9, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

2003, for the 1998 murder of his second wife; iden-DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Kans./Colo./Tex. VIC-

tified by prosecutors as the probable killer in two TIMS: “Several”

other cases

MO: Psychotic brother of BEN THOMPSON; victims included at least one lawman

Thomas, William Gregory (1960–)

DISPOSITION: Reportedly killed in Laredo, Tex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1991/93 VENUE: Duval County, Fla.

Thompson, William Paul (1937–89)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: N.Y./Kans./Calif./Nev.

Tipton, John Calvin (1936–58)

VICTIMS: Six confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Shot men in personal conflicts and contract mur-DATE(S): 1956 VENUE: Orange County, Calif.

ders

VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Convicted on two counts in Calif.; exe-MO: Home-invader; stabbed 18-year-old girls in breasts cuted in Nev. on one count, June 19, 1989

DISPOSITION: Executed on one count, Sept. 27, 1958

Thorpe, Scott Harlan (1960–)

Tipton, Richard (1971–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-drugs

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Nevada City, Calif. VIC-

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Richmond, Va. VICTIMS:

TIMS: Three

11

MO: Delusional paranoid who shot five victims, killing MO: Led drug gang in series of murders

three

DISPOSITION: Condemned under federal law

DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to three murder counts, March 24, 2003; found to be insane and committed **Todd, George** (1841–64)

to an asylum for life

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1861–64 VENUE: Kans./Mo. VICTIMS:

Threinen, David (1947–)

“Numerous”

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Member of “QUANTRILL’S RAIDERS”

DATE(S): 1975 VENUE: Saskatoon, Canada VIC-

DISPOSITION: Killed by Union sniper, Oct. 22, 1864

TIMS: Four

MO: Pedophile slayer of two boys aged nine and 12, **Todd, Sweeney** (1756–1802) AKA: Human Ghoul and two girls aged seven and eight

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on four counts and received DATE(S): 1784–1801 VENUE: London, England

life term, 1975; rejected all further parole bids, VICTIMS: 160 alleged

August 2000

MO: Real-life "demon barber of Fleet Street" who robbed/killed patrons of both sexes; flesh of victims **Thwala, Sipho Agmatir** (1967–) AKA: Phoenix processed and sold as "veal pies" by lover/accom-Strangler

plice Margery Lovett

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count, Jan. 25, 1802; DATE(S): 1994–98 VENUE: Phoenix, South Africa

Lovett committed suicide in prison after confessing, VICTIMS: 16–19

Dec. 1801

MO: Rape-slayer of black women aged 20–30, strangled with their own underwear

Toffania (1653–1723)

DISPOSITION: Acquitted of a rape-murder in 1994; SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

received 506-year sentence on March 31, 1999 for DATE(S): 1670–1719 VENUE: Naples, Italy VIC-16 murders and various lesser felonies

TIMS: 600 estimated

MO: Extreme feminist; poisoner-for-hire of unwanted **Tilley, Joe Vance** (1974–)

husbands

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sad.

DISPOSITION: Executed by garrote, 1723

DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Johnson/Marshall counties, Okla. VICTIMS: Three

Tolerton, Kenyon (?–)

MO: Thrill-killer of elderly man and two 15-year-old SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

girls

DATE(S): 1976–80 VENUE: Colo. VICTIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on one count, suspected

1993; condemned on second count

MO: Sex slayer of petite white females aged 14–21; victims stabbed

Tingler, Richard Lee, Jr. (1940–)

DISPOSITION: Life without parole plus 48 years on SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

two counts, 1993; new DNA evidence under investi-DATE(S): 1968 VENUE: Cleveland/Columbus, Ohio

gation in two more cases

VICTIMS: Six

MO: Executed victims of both sexes during robberies **Toppan, Jane** (1854–1938)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1969 (sentence com-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

muted to life, 1972)

specific

DATE(S): 1880–1901 VENUE: New England VIC-

DATE(S): 1897–1902 VENUE: Colo./Wyo./Utah

TIMS: 70–100 suspected

VICTIMS: “Several”

MO: Live-in “nurse” who poisoned patients and their MO: “Wild Bunch” outlaw known for his murderous relatives

temper

DISPOSITION: Confessed 31 counts, 1901; confined DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot to avoid arrest, to insane asylum where she died, in Aug. 1938

Aug. 6, 1902

Torres, Leslie (1971–)

Traore, Mamadou (1973–)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Paris, France VICTIMS:

Five

Two

MO: Victims shot in robberies staged to support drug MO: Senegal native who blamed demonic possession addiction

for violent assaults on six women, including two DISPOSITION: Life term with 60-year minimum, Apr.

fatalities

1989

DISPOSITION: Life sentence with 22-year minimum, February 2000

Torres Hernandez, Ramon (1971–) AKA: The Razor

Trapishkin, Nicholas (d. 1926)

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: San Antonio, Tex. VIC-

DATE(S): 1920-26 VENUE: Russia VICTIMS: 100

TIMS: Five alleged

alleged

MO: Rape-slayer of young women, sometimes operat-MO: Apparent outlaw; several robbery charges also ing with accomplices

included

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, Oct. 2002; DISPOSITION: Executed, 1926

named as prime suspect in four additional rape-murders

Travis, Maury Troy (1966–2002)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Toshihiko Haseqawa (1951–2001)

DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: St. Louis, Mo. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

TIMS: 10–20 alleged

DATE(S): 1979–83 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS:

MO: Black female prostitutes beaten and strangled Three

DISPOSITION: Arrested June 7, 2002; suicide by MO: Killed two men, aged 20 and 30, for insurance hanging in his cell, June 10

payments; murdered a 39-year-old money broker

during robbery

Trawick, Jack Harrison (1946–)

DISPOSITION: Hanged on Dec. 27, 2001

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1972–92 VENUE: Ala./Ore./at sea VIC-

Totia, Hiralal (?–)

TIMS: Five confessed

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO: Rape-strangler of women, including one thrown DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Shankarpur, India VIC-overboard on cruise ship sailing from Seattle to Alaska TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Ala., 1994

MO: Vampire killer of a policeman, a cab driver, and a woman; drank blood of victims to prevent their spir-Trillo, Martin (?–)

its from haunting him

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Sacramento, Calif. VIC-

TIMS: Two

Townser, Anthony (1975–)

MO: Lust strangler of women

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Two life terms without parole, 1984

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Ill./Mo. VICTIMS: Three

suspected

Troppmann, Jean-Baptiste (1848–70) AKA: Human MO: Home invader; killed/robbed elderly whites Tiger

DISPOSITION: 75-year term on one count, 1995

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1869 VENUE: France VICTIMS: Eight

Tracy, Harry (1876–1902)

MO: Murdered entire family during prolonged swindle SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Guillotined Jan. 19, 1870

Troyer, Daniel Ray (1960–)

MO: Shot women aged 54 and 21, during residential SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE-burglaries; formerly served 17 years for rape in Utah felony

DISPOSITION: Executed on May 28, 2004

DATE(S): 1985–88 VENUE: Salt Lake City, Utah

VICTIMS: 13 suspected

Tuggle, Lem Davis, Jr. (d. 1996)

MO: Robbed, beat and sexually assaulted women, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

aged 69–88, in their homes

DATE(S): 1971/83 VENUE: Smyth County, Va.

DISPOSITION: Received sentence of 1–15 years for VICTIMS: Two

attacking a 71-year-old paraplegic in 1978; paroled MO: Rape-slayer of women

1982; received 15 years for a 1982 burglary; paroled DISPOSITION: Life term, 1971 (paroled 1983); exe-in 1985; 1988 murder charge dismissed on technical cuted Dec. 12, 1996

grounds; pled guilty on two murder counts and

received consecutive life terms (one without parole), **Tullis, Patrick** (1959–)

June 1999; confessed three more murders with pros-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

ecution waived, October 1999

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:

Two

Trueblood, Lydia (?–?)

MO: Homophobic slayer of gay men; victims

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-inheri-

stabbed/strangled

tance

DISPOSITION: 60 years on two counts, 1989

DATE(S): 1915–19 VENUE: Mo./Mont./Idaho

VICTIMS: Five

Ture, Joseph Donald, Jr. (1950–)

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands and a

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

brother-in-law for life insurance

DATE(S): 1978–80 VENUE: Minn. VICTIMS: Six

DISPOSITION: Life sentence in Idaho, 1921

suspected

MO: Rape-slayer of females and three children of one **Trupp, Nathan** (1947–)

victim shot during home invasion

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

DISPOSITION: Convicted and sentenced to life on two specific

murder counts for killing a 19-year-old waitress in DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: N. Mex./Calif. VICTIMS:

Afton (1978) and an 18-year-old waitress in West St.

Five

Paul (1980)

MO: Shot random victims while stalking actor Michael Landon

Turner, Julia Lynn Womack (1968–)

DISPOSITION: Declared insane; confined to state hos-SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

pital

DATE(S): 1995–2001 VENUE: Cumming, Ga. VIC-

TIMS: Three alleged

Tsuiman, Yuri (?–) AKA: Beast of Taganrog MO: “Black widow” who poisoned husband and com-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

mon-law husband with antifreeze; male employer DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Rostov-on-Don, Russia

also died under mysterious circumstances, with VICTIMS: Four

$40,000 missing from his office

MO: Pedophile slayer of young girls

DISPOSITION: Convicted on May 14, 2004 of poison-DISPOSITION: Unknown

ing husband in 1995; received life prison term; charged pending in second case

Tsutomu Miyazaki (1963–)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Turner, Lise Jane (1956–)

DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

confessed

specific

MO: Kidnapped/killed girls age four to seven;

DATE(S): 1980–82 VENUE: Christchurch, New

necrophile

Zealand VICTIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1997

MO: Killed young children, two of them her own DISPOSITION: Life term + 10 years for attempted **Tucker, James Neil** (1957–2004)

murders, 1984 (paroled 1997)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Midlands, S.C. VICTIMS:

Ulayuk, Eli (1968–)

Two

SEX: M RACE: NA TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1988/2004 VENUE: Yellowknife, North-

DATE(S): 1952 VENUE: Quezon City, Philippines

west Territories, Canada VICTIMS: Two

VICTIMS: Four+

MO: Necrophile slayer of a female friend and his MO: Skeletal remains found by police in home of female parole officer; both victims stabbed/strangled unidentified man

prior to sex

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DISPOSITION: Convicted of manslaughter in first case, 1992; paroled June 2004; charged with second **Undisclosed** (1950–)

murder, Oct. 7, 2004; trial pending

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC-

extremism

Underwood, L. C. (1948–)

DATE(S): 1966–67 VENUE: Tokyo, Japan VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

TIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Salisbury, N.C. VICTIMS:

MO: Rape-slayer of young women who mocked his

Two suspected

biracial origins

MO: Ex-cop and obsessive stalker; killed ex-girlfriend's DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1967

elderly mother and her new lover in separate attacks DISPOSITION: Life + 40 years on one count, 1997

Undisclosed (1944–)
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: S MOTIVE: Undisclosed
Undisclosed (?–)
DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Xidan, China VIC-
SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE
TIMS: Three
DATE(S): 1920 VENUE: Tanta, Egypt VICTIMS:
MO: Restaurant owner; killed three teens and served 20
their flesh as pork
MO:“Bluebeard” slayer of women for profit; kept sev-DISPOSITION: Undisclosed
ered heads in his home
DISPOSITION: Unreported
Undisclosed (1944–)
SEX: F RACE: A TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC
Undisclosed (?–)
DATE(S): 1980s–1990s VENUE: Tokyo, Japan
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
VICTIMS: Six
DATE(S): 1920–21 VENUE: Mexico City, Mexico
MO: Decomposed remains of newborn infants found VICTIMS: Four
in plastic bags in an apartment closet; 58-year-old MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of female lovers
tenant admitted the babies were hers
DISPOSITION: Convicted Feb. 18, 1922; sentence DISPOSITION: No charges filed
unknown
Undisclosed (1948–)
Undisclosed (d. 1942) AKA: The Ghoul
SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC alleged
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1985–99 VENUE: KwaZulu-Natal, South
DATE(S): 1942 VENUE: Guadalcanal VICTIMS:
Africa VICTIMS: 20+ alleged
“Several”
MO: Children abducted and killed in *muti* magic ritu-MO: Deranged U.S. Marine stabbed fellow soldiers in als; suspect arrested in Sept. 1999

with two children nocturnal attacks

missing since 1996; later led police to several graves; DISPOSITION: Shot by sentry while fleeing last crime identified as black-magic “healer”

scene

DISPOSITION: Unknown

Undisclosed (1932–) AKA: Harry Brown

Undisclosed (1968–)

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Melbourne, Australia

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Thunder Bay, Ontario

VICTIMS: Six

VICTIMS: Two

MO: “Deeply religious” man identified in 2001 as the MO: Rape-slayer of 16-year-old girls

prime suspect in murders of six females aged 14–73, DISPOSITION: Arrested, July 2000; disposition

who were kidnapped from streets and suburban bus unknown

stops, with bodies dumped outside town

DISPOSITION: Unknown

Undisclosed (1968–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

Undisclosed (?–)

DATE(S): 1992–97 VENUE: Norway VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.

Four

MO: Mother who killed four of her children, ranging **Undisclosed** (1962–)

in age from two days to six weeks, staged as SIDS

SEX: F RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-non-

cases

specific

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DATE(S): 1997–2001 VENUE: The Hague, Nether-

lands VICTIMS: 14

Undisclosed

MO: Nurse who killed patients with lethal injections at SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

four local hospitals; victims primarily infants, young DATE(S): 1994–99 VENUE: Germany/Holland

children, and seniors

VICTIMS: Three confessed

DISPOSITION: Unknown

MO: Mutilation-slayer of women; who beheaded and dismembered his victims

Undisclosed (?–)

DISPOSITION: Unknown; confessed three murders to SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

police in November 1999

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Overton, Tex. VICTIMS:

Two

Undisclosed (1988–)

MO: Beat and stabbed women aged 75 and 89 in their SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Cult

bathrooms at home

DATE(S): 1994–2001 VENUE: Maiduguri, Nigeria

DISPOSITION: In Nov. 1999, police chief Ed Williams VICTIMS: 48 confessed

announced that the unnamed killer was imprisoned MO: Girl arrested at age 13, suspected of killing a two-on other charges

year-old boy and cutting out his heart; she confessed participation in 48 human sacrifices since age seven **Undisclosed** (?–) AKA: Cannibal of Kosovo and led police to the home of her cult leader

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

DISPOSITION: Unknown

specific

DATE(S): 1997–99 VENUE: Kosovo, Yugoslavia

Undisclosed (?–)

VICTIMS: “Several”

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

MO: Serbian policeman arrested by UN peacekeepers DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Johannesburg, South

who found human limbs and organs in his refriger-Africa VICTIMS: 14
ator
MO: Rape-slayer of women beaten or shot; some vic-DISPOSITION: Arrested June 28, 1999; outcome
tims also robbed
unknown
DISPOSITION: Unnamed subject charged with 23
offenses in December 1997; counts include murder, **Undisclosed** (1959–)
rape, and robbery; disposition unknown
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Velsk, Siberia VICTIMS:
Undisclosed (1975–)
Eight
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Rape-slayer of women aged 16–49, killed at his DATE(S): 1994–98 VENUE: Stockholm, Sweden
rural cabin and buried in nearby woods; confessed VICTIMS: Eight
and revealed bodies after charged with rape
MO: “Signature” killer of victims stabbed in their DISPOSITION: Unknown
homes after visits to communal laundries
DISPOSITION: Unknown
Undisclosed (d. 2000) AKA: Bas Congo Throatcutter SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Undisclosed
DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Democratic Republic
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
of Congo VICTIMS: 12
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Dayton, Ohio VIC-
MO: Slayer who slashed throats of female victims in TIMS: Four
Bas Congo Province
MO: Unnamed minor, identified as prime suspect in the DISPOSITION: Killed by a victim’s husband, May 2, suffocation of four children, aged one to three years, 2000
who died at the home of Regina Moreland over a seven-month period; victims included two of More-Undisclosed (?–)

land’s grandsons, one granddaughter, and a great-niece SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Child subject submitted for psychiatric DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Chiradzulu, Malawi VIC-testing/treatment, July 1998

TIMS: Eight

MO: Killed and dismembered women, keeping partial **Undisclosed** (1983–) AKA: School Killer remains of several at his home

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DISPOSITION: Arrested in March 2000; disposition cific

unknown

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Kobe, Japan VICTIMS:

Two

Undisclosed (1966–)

MO: 14-year-old who attacked five younger children, SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-killing two; one victim beheaded

“mercy”

DISPOSITION: Indefinite sentence to juvenile prison, DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: Lucerne, Switzerland

1997

VICTIMS: 27 confessed

MO: Nurse who admits killing victims aged 66–95 at **Unknown** (d. 1598) AKA: Werewolf of Châlons five area nursing homes; methods included suffoca-SEX: M

RACE: W

TYPE: T

MOTIVE:

tion and drug overdoses

Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Police confirm 24 deaths as homicides; DATE(S): 1590s VENUE: Châlons, France VIC-trial scheduled for early 2005

TIMS: “Dozens”

MO: “Demon tailor” who killed/cannibalized patrons **Undisclosed** (1972–)

of his shop and rural victims ambushed in the

SEX: F RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-

nearby forest
“mercy”
DISPOSITION:Burned at the stake, Dec. 1598
DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Melbourne, Australia
VICTIMS: More than two
Unknown (?–?) AKA: Bald Head Pete
MO: Nurse linked to unnatural deaths of two patients SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC
aged 63 and 89; 80 similar deaths under ongoing DATE(S): 1840s–70s VENUE: Rocky Mountains
investigation
VICTIMS: 100+
DISPOSITION: Unknown
MO: “Mountain man” and scalp hunter, prolific slayer of Indians
Undisclosed (1973–)
DISPOSITION: Unknown
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Rostov-on-Don, Russia
Unknown (?–?) AKA: Arkansas Bill
VICTIMS: 25+
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
MO: Rape-slayer of women
DATE(S): 1870s VENUE: Dodge City, Kans. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unknown
TIMS: 22 claimed
MO: Old West gunman
Undisclosed (1979–)
DISPOSITION: Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-
mercy
Unknown (d. 1931) AKA: Buster from Chicago DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Sonthofen, Germany
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
VICTIMS: 16 confessed
DATE(S): 1920–31 VENUE: Ill./N.Y. VICTIMS:
MO: Hospital nurse who confessed killing patients
“Numerous”

aged 60–89 with lethal injections; 64 other “suspi-MO: “Most prolific hit man of the entire [1920s]
cious” deaths under review
underworld”
DISPOSITION: Unknown
DISPOSITION: Murdered in New York City poolhall, Sept. 1931
Undisclosed (?–)
SEX: F
RACE: A
TYPE: S
MOTIVE: PC-
Ursinus, Sophie Charlotte Elizabeth (1760–1836)
“mercy”
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE
DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1785–1801 VENUE: Berlin, Germany
alleged
VICTIMS: Three
MO: Doctor accused of killing elderly and comatose MO: “Black widow” poisoner of her lover, husband, patients at hospitals in Haborocho, Hokkaido, and and aunt for personal gain
Nayoro
DISPOSITION: Convicted on one count and sentenced DISPOSITION: Unknown
to life; died in prison on April 4, 1836

Vajicek, Herman (?–?) AKA: Herman Billik **Van Schoor, Louis** (?–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-inheri-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-
tance
extremist
DATE(S): 1905 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1988–92 VENUE: East London, South
Six
Africa VICTIMS: 39

MO: Poisoned six members of one family over eight MO: Ex-cop turned security guard who shot 101

months

unarmed blacks and mixed-race victims “in the line DISPOSITION: 1907 death sentence commuted;

of duty,” killing 39

released Jan. 1917

DISPOSITION: Convicted of seven murders and two attempted murders in 1992; received 20-year prison **Valenti, Richard Raymond** (1943–)

term

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1973–74 VENUE: Charleston County, S.C.

Vargas, Dorangel (?–) AKA: Hannibal Lecter of the VICTIMS: Three

Andes

MO: Rape-slayer of teenage girls

SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Consecutive life terms on two counts, DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: San Cristobal,

1974

Venezuela VICTIMS: 10 confessed

MO: Cannibal killer who admitted devouring 10 men **Valenti, Rocco** (d. 1922)

over two years; remains found at his rural home; SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

released from prison, Oct. 31, 2004, after serving 12

DATE(S): 1920s VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS: 20

years

MO: Underworld contract killer

DISPOSITION: Unknown

DISPOSITION: Killed in gangland shoot-out, New York City, Aug. 9, 1922

Veerappan, Munusamy (1945–2004)

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

Valera, Mark (1980–) AKA: Van Krevel

DATE(S): 1984–2004 VENUE: India VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

150+

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Wollongong, Australia

MO: Bandit, kidnapper, and poacher who killed police-VICTIMS: Two men, game wardens, and others, plus more than

MO: Mutilation-slayer of men who scrawled satanic 2,000 elephants graffiti at crime scenes; at arrest, claimed sexual DISPOSITION: Killed in police ambush with three advances from both victims triggered memories of cohorts, Oct. 18, 2004

childhood molestation by his father.

DISPOSITION: Convicted on two counts and sen-

Velten, Maria (1916–)

tenced to life, Sept. 7, 2000

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1963–80 VENUE: Kempten, Germany

Valkenburgh, Elizabeth Van (d. 1846)

VICTIMS: Five confirmed

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domestic

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of father, aunt, hus-DATE(S): 1840s VENUE: Fulton, N.Y. VICTIMS:

bands/lovers; “mercy” motive claimed in first two Two

deaths; others killed for money

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands

DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1983

DISPOSITION: Hanged, Jan. 24, 1846

Verain, Leland (1892–1935) AKA: Louis “Two Gun”

Van der E., M. (1946–)

Alterie

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unknown

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Anjum, Netherlands VIC-

DATE(S): 1922–25 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

TIMS: Two

TIMS: “Numerous”

MO: Killed men aged 26 and 38 with a hammer at her MO: Psychopathic Prohibition-era gangster; alleged boardinghouse and buried the corpses in the garden

“inventor” of machine-gun ambush murders

DISPOSITION: Convicted on two manslaughter

DISPOSITION: Shot by rival mobsters, July 18, 1935

counts, June and December 1997; received eight-year sentence in July 1998; unnamed male accom-Vermilyea, Louise (d. 1910)

plice sentenced to three years on one manslaughter SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC-count

nonspecific

DATE(S): 1893–1910 VENUE: Ill. VICTIMS: Nine

Villareal, David (1955–)

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands and chilSEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad./CE

dren for life insurance; also poisoned lodgers in her DATE(S): 1974–81 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Seven

rooming house without apparent motive

suspected

DISPOSITION: Suicide by poison following arrest MO: Bludgeoned/stabbed male victims aged 18–72; some robbed

Vernage, Nicholas (1965–)

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count plus two years SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

for assault, 1979; life plus five years on second DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: East London, Ontario

count, 1981; five years for aggravated assault on VICTIMS: Three

prison guard, 1987

MO: Fatally stabbed two burglary victims and a policeman

Vizzardelli, George William (?–) AKA: Monster of DISPOSITION: Five life terms for three murders and Sarzana

two attempts, 1992

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1937–39 VENUE: Sarzana, Italy VIC-

Verzeni, Vincenzo (1849–?)

TIMS: Five

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Vendetta and holdup murders by juvenile

DATE(S): 1869–72 VENUE: Bottamuco, Italy VIC-

offender
TIMS: “Probably 12”
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1940 (pardoned, 1968) MO: Strangled/disemboweled women; drank their
blood
Voirbo, Pierre (d. 1869)
DISPOSITION: Life sentence, 1873
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1860s VENUE: Paris, France VICTIMS:
Viana, Nicholas (1903–21)
10+ suspected
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
MO: Killed creditors and robbery victims
DATE(S): 1920–21 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Confessed one count; suicide prior to TIMS: “Several”
trial, 1869
MO: “Black Hand” extortionist and killer
DISPOSITION: Hanged on one count, 1921
Wable, John Wesley (1929–54)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-
Vick, Tony (?–)
specific
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1993–96 VENUE: Tenn. VICTIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1953 VENUE: Pa./Ohio VICTIMS: Two
suspected
MO: Shot sleeping truckers in random, motiveless MO: “Bluebeard” slayer of wife, fiancée, and others, attacks
for insurance
DISPOSITION: Executed on one count in Pa., Sept. 26, DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1997; second 1954
life term, 1998
Waddingham, Dorothea Nancy (1899–1936)
Vickers, Robert Wayne (1958–) AKA: Bonzai Bob SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-argu-
DATE(S): 1935–36 VENUE: Nottingham, England

ment
VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1978/82 VENUE: Florence, Ariz. VIC-
MO: Killed nursing home patients with morphine, for TIMS: Two
inheritance
MO: Slayer of fellow prison inmates in separate incidents DISPOSITION: Hanged, Apr. 1936
DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1978; condemned 1982
Wainewright, Thomas Griffiths (?–?)
Vilakati, Bongani (d. 2003)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1828–37 VENUE: England VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Malkerns, Swaziland VIC-
Four
TIMS: Six
MO: Poisoner of relatives (for profit) and a male MO: Slayer of victims found buried at his home acquaintance
DISPOSITION: Killed by police while resisting arrest, DISPOSITION: Transported to Australian penal
March 29, 2003
colony

Waite, Dr. Arthur Warren (1889–1917)
Wallace, George Kent (1941–2000) AKA: Mad PadSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
dler
DATE(S): 1916 VENUE: Mich. VICTIMS: Two
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: Dentist who killed his in-laws for inheritance DATE(S): 1976/87–90 VENUE: N.C./Ark./Okla.
DISPOSITION: Executed, May 1917
VICTIMS: five suspected
MO: Torture-slayer of young boys
Walden, Robert Lee, Jr. (?–)
DISPOSITION: Three life terms plus 60 years on 1991

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

guilty plea in Arkansas; condemned in Oklahoma, DATE(S): 1990–92 VENUE: Tucson, Ariz. VIC-April 1991; executed Aug. 10, 2000

TIMS: Two

MO: Home-invading rape-slayer; victims also robbed **Waqanivalu, Waisale** (1979–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1992; 28

SEX: M RACE: Polynesian TYPE: T MOTIVE:

years each on six other felony counts

PC-nonspecific

DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Fiji VICTIMS: Five

Waldon, Billy Ray (1952–)

MO: Victims bludgeoned with metal pipes or stones in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-rural lover's lanes

specific/CE

DISPOSITION: Confessed five murders and one

DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Okla./Calif. VICTIMS:

attempted murder; received life prison term on Feb.

Four

26, 2005

MO: Apparent thrill-killer on motiveless rampage; some victims robbed incidentally

Wallace, Henry Louis (1941–)

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1987

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1993–94 VENUE: Charlotte, N.C. VIC-

Walker, Clarence (1929–)

TIMS: 11

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE:

MO: Rape-slayer of female acquaintances age 18–35

PC/Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1995

DATE(S): 1945–66 VENUE:

Tenn./Ohio/Mich./Ill./Ind. VICTIMS: 14 suspected **Walls, Frank Athen** (1967–)

MO: Shot 14-year-old boy; "ripper" of females age SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

seven to 60

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Okaloosa County, Fla.

DISPOSITION: seven years for manslaughter in Tenn., VICTIMS: Three

1945; 320 years in Ill. for attempted murder, rape, and robbery, 1968

MO: Killed burglary/kidnap victims

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, with life **Walker, Dorna Diane** (1949–)

term + 40 years on second count, 1992; life term on SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

third count, 1994

DATE(S): 1969/1999 VENUE: Winston-Salem, N.C.

VICTIMS: Three

Walls, Samuel Cornelius (1939–)

MO: Stabbed husband during argument; shot

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

boyfriend who planned to leave her

DATE(S): 1959–88 VENUE: N.J. VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Life sentence without parole on one MO: Beat man to death (1959); rape-slayer of woman murder count, April 2002; also 21–26 months for (1988)

firearms possession by convicted felon

DISPOSITION: 20-year sentence, 1959 (paroled 1974); 25-year term , 1989

Walker, Gary Alan (d. 2000)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

Walraven, James Samuel (1949–) AKA: Bathtub DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: Tulsa, Okla., area VIC-Killer

TIMS: Five

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Rape-slayer of women; also robbed/killed a 63-DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VICTIMS:

year-old man

Three

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in 1985;

MO: Female victims, all age 22, raped and strangled in condemned on second count, 1985 (overturned on their homes, left in bathtubs filled with

hot water appeal); received life without parole plus 500 years DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1982; comat new trial; executed on first count, Jan. 13, 2000

muted to life in prison on appeal

Walton, Edward (d. 1908)

Warner, Karl F. (1950–)

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

specific

DATE(S): 1969–70 VENUE: San Jose, Calif. VIC-

DATE(S): 1896–1908 VENUE:

TIMS: Three

Ala./Ill./Pa./Ohio/W.Va. VICTIMS: Five

MO: Mutilation-slayer of girls age 14–18

MO: Confessed slayer of two men and three women, DISPOSITION: Life sentence, Sept. 1971

including his common-law wife; no motive cited DISPOSITION: Hanged in W.Va. on one count, July **Warren, Leslie Eugene** (?–)

17, 1908

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1986–90 VENUE: N.Y./N.C./S.C. VIC-

Walton, Vernon (1950–)

TIMS: Six+ suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

MO: Rape-slayer of women

specific

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count in S.C., 1993; DATE(S): 1972/91 VENUE: La Jolla/San Diego,

condemned in N.C.

Calif. VICTIMS: Two

MO: Accused slayer of women age 22 and 50

Washington, Allen (1948–)

DISPOSITION: Acquitted on one count (police mainSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sad.

tain guilt), 1972; 20 years for manslaughter, 1992

DATE(S): 1969–78 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

Wang Huaiyi (1968–2004)

TIMS: Three suspected

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE-

MO: Bludgeoned three of his own young children in felony

separate incidents

DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Zhengshou, China

DISPOSITION: 10 years for involuntary manslaughter, VICTIMS: Six

1971 (paroled in 1974); 40 years for murder, July MO: Police officer who raped, robbed, and murdered 1980

women

DISPOSITION: Condemned on six counts, Oct. 1, 2004

Washington, Annette (1958–)

SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Wardell, Gordon (1952–)

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-domes-

Two

tic/Sex.

MO:Health-care worker; robbed/stabbed elderly

DATE(S): 1991–94 VENUE: West Midlands, England women in homes

VICTIMS: Three+ suspect

DISPOSITION: 50 years to life, 1987

MO: Killed wife; prime suspect in deaths of several prostitutes

Waters, David Roland (1947–2003)

DISPOSITION: Life term for wife's murder, 1995

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1964–95 VENUE: Ill./Tex. VICTIMS: Six **Warder, Dr. Alfred William** (d. 1866)

suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

MO: Killed a teenage acquaintance in 1964; murdered DATE(S) 1820–66 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

another male acquaintance in 1984; participated in Three

a triple kidnap-murder in Texas, 1995; prime sus-MO: Bluebeard physician who poisoned successive pect in a sixth killing, also in Texas

wives

DISPOSITION: Convicted of murder at age 18;

DISPOSITION: Charged with third wife's death in 1866; committed suicide during trial

received a prison term of 30–60 years; received 20-year term in Texas, April 2, 2001; died in prison, **Wardrip, Faryion Edward** (1959–)

Jan. 31, 2003

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: North Texas VIC-

Waters, Margaret (1835–70)

TIMS: Five

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

MO: Rape-slayer of women in their 20s

DATE(S): 1866–70 VENUE: Brixton, England VIC-

DISPOSITION: Confessed one count in 1986 and

TIMS: 19+

served 11 years in prison, paroled 1997; condemned MO: "Baby farmer"; drugged/starved infants

on second count, November 1999

DISPOSITION: Hanged, Oct. 11, 1870

Watson, James B. (1870–1939)

Webster, Robert (1922–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

domestic

DATE(S): 1946/63 VENUE: Northern Calif. VIC-

DATE(S): 1918–20 VENUE: Idaho/Wash./Calif.

TIMS: Two

VICTIMS: 25+ alleged

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 19 (1946) and 38

MO: Hermaphrodite "Bluebeard" slayer of wives

(1963)

DISPOSITION: Life term on confession of seven

DISPOSITION: 1946 life term (paroled 1954); second counts, 1920; died in prison Oct. 15, 1939

life term, 1963

Weeks, Robert (1929–)
Weaver, Steven (1955–) AKA: Weed
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
domestic
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind. VIC-
DATE(S): 1968/80–81 VENUE: Nev./Calif. VIC-
TIMS: Four confessed
TIMS: Three
MO: Outlaw biker, killed fellow gang members
MO: "Bluebeard" slayer of wife and fiancées who left DISPOSITION: 135-year sentence for two murders and him
one attempted
DISPOSITION: Life without parole on two counts in Nev., 1988
Weaver, Ward (1963–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Weidenbroeker, Helmut (1965–)
DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Oregon City, Ore. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1982–86 VENUE: Aachen, Germany
MO: Raped and murdered two female neighbors aged VICTIMS: Three to five
12 and 13 and hid their bodies at his home; also MO: Lust murders of women
raped his son's girlfriend, who escaped alive
DISPOSITION: Life sentence on one murder count, DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on two murder counts and 1987
five lesser felonies, with a "no contest" plea on 10
additional charges; received two consecutive life **Weidmann, Eugen** (1915–39)
terms without parole, Sept. 23, 2004
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1935–37 VENUE: France VICTIMS: Six
Webb, Dennis Duane (1952–)
confessed
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:

MO: German immigrant; killed victims in robberies PC/Sex./CE
and ransom kidnappings
DATE(S): 1973–1987 VENUE: Tex./Calif. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Guillotined May 18, 1939
TIMS: Eight+ confessed
MO: Outlaw biker; killed robbery victims, also blacks **Weinberg, Abraham** (d. 1935) AKA: Bo
and gays from personal spite; contract killer; raped SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1920s–35 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:
victims of both sexes
"Numerous"
DISPOSITION: Condemned in Calif., 1988
MO: Chief contract killer of ARTHUR FLEGENHEIMER
gang
Weber, Jeanne (1875–1910)
DISPOSITION: Murdered by Flegenheimer, Aug. 1935
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad.
DATE(S): 1905–08 VENUE: Northern France VIC-
Weiss, Emmanuel (d. 1944)
TIMS: 10
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
MO: Strangled young children for the thrill of killing; DATE(S): 1931–40 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:
victims included three of her own children, two
"Numerous"
nephews, a niece, and four children left in her care MO: Contract killer for "MURDER, INC."
by friends of employers
DISPOSITION: Executed at Sing Sing, Mar. 2, 1944
DISPOSITION: Acquitted at first murder trial, Feb. 6, 1906; released in second case for lack of evidence, **Wenzinger, Gerd** (1944–97)
December 1907; ruled insane on third charge and SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad.
committed to asylum, May 1908; suicide by manual DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Germany/Brazil VIC-strangulation in 1910
TIMS: 17

MO: “Torture doctor” who dissected women on two additional felony counts were dismissed in that deal, continents; at least one murder videotaped

with murder charges waived in Costilla and Otero DISPOSITION: Suicide by hanging in Brazil, June 16, Counties; White also directed police to bodies of 1997

three additional victims

West, Ronald Glenn (1947–)

White, Robert Excell (1938–99) AKA: Excell the ExeSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

cutioner

DATE(S): 1970 VENUE: Toronto, Canada VIC-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

TIMS: More than two

DATE(S): 1974 VENUE: Waco, Tex. VICTIMS:

MO: Policeman who raped and shot two nurses in sep-Four

arate attacks; prime suspect in eight robbery-slay-MO: Stabbed gun collector and stole weapons; used ings, including the Ottawa Valley Killer’s crimes stolen guns to kill three men in a commercial robbery (1975–87) and a 1991 double murder near Sault Ste.

DISPOSITION: Condemned on three counts, August Marie

1974; sentence overturned on appeal, 1997; con-DISPOSITION: Pled guilty on two counts and received demned at second trial, June 1997; executed March a life sentence, Aug. 7, 2001

30, 1999

Wheat, Clarence (d. 1980)

White, Ronald Lee (1956–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1979–80 VENUE: Miss. VICTIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: Southern Colorado

MO: Killed policeman in domestic dispute; pardoned VICTIMS: Three

eight months later due to terminal cancer; killed MO: Killed two men in personal disputes, at Pueblo wife, son, and self

and Colorado Springs; later shot his roommate, dis-DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot, June 1980

membering the body to delay identification

DISPOSITION: Life sentence imposed on two counts, **Whisenhant, Thomas** (?–)

1990; condemned for roommate's murder, 1991;

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

death sentence overturned on appeal, 1998; received DATE(S): 1963–76 VENUE: Mobile, Ala. VIC-life term at new trial, Aug. 27, 2001

TIMS: Four

MO: Shot women in robberies; one raped, two muti-White Shirley (1932–)

lated postmortem

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1997; life DATE(S): 1971–92 VENUE: Kinston, N.C. VIC-terms on two counts

TIMS: Three suspected

MO: "Black widow" slayer of husbands and stepchild **White, Nathaniel** (1960–)

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1992

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Orange County, N.Y.

Whiteway, Alfred C. (1931–54)

VICTIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Women raped/stabbed by paroled rapist

DATE(S): 1953 VENUE: London, England VIC-

DISPOSITION: 150 years in prison on six counts TIMS: Two

MO: Lust killer of teenage girls bludgeoned in parks **White, Richard Paul** (1965–)

DISPOSITION: Hanged, 1954

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC

DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Col. VICTIMS: Six

Whitney, Dennis (1943–)

confessed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

MO: Kidnapped and raped eight women, killing five, DATE(S): 1960 VENUE: Calif./Ariz./Fla. VICTIMS: in three counties; also murdered a 27-year-old male Seven

coworker in a fourth county

MO: Shot robbery victims; kidnapped and bludgeoned DISPOSITION: Pleaded guilty to coworker's murder in one woman

Arapahoe County and received a life term without DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts in Fla.,

parole, Sept. 7, 2004; pled guilty on two murder 1960; commuted, 1972

counts and charges of using weapons to sexually assault three other women in Jefferson County, **Whitt, Jimmy Earl** (1971–94)

receiving another life term on Sept. 16, 2004; 28

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-felony

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Ala./Miss. VICTIMS: Four

Williams, Henry Robert (?–)

MO: Killed one holdup victim and three policemen in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

three-week rampage

DATE(S): 1972–73 VENUE: Mississauga, Ontario

DISPOSITION: Suicide to avoid arrest, June 28, 1994

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Rape-slayer of girls age 16 and 19

Wilcox, Donald (1968–2003)

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count; chose volun-SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

tary castration in lieu of additional prison time, felony

upon second conviction

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Nueces County, Tex. VIC-

TIMS: Three

Williams, John (d. 1811) AKA: Ratcliff Highway MO: Killed a married couple, aged 79 and 77, with Demon

their own pistol during a home-invasion robbery; SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

later killed a 61-year-old man with same gun

DATE(S): 1811 VENUE: London, England VIC-

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot after wounded in a TIMS: Five shootout with police, Feb. 13, 2003

MO: Home invader who slashed/bludgeoned robbery victims

Wilken, Stewart (1964–) AKA: Bootie Boer DISPOSITION: Suicide by hanging prior to trial, 1811

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1990–97 VENUE: Port Elizabeth, South

Williams, John, Jr. (1961–)

Africa VICTIMS: 11+

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Sex slayer and cannibal; victims included prosti-DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Raleigh, N.C. VIC-

tutes, young boys, and his own daughter

TIMS: Five suspected

DISPOSITION: Seven life terms, 1998

MO: Rape-slayer of black women chosen at random DISPOSITION: Condemned on two murder counts,

Wille, John Francis (1964–)

March 1998

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:

PC/Sex./Sad.

Williams, John S. (1863–1932)

DATE(S): 1980–85 VENUE: La./Fla./Tex./Ala. VICSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: Six suspected

DATE(S): c. 1910–21 VENUE: Jasper County, Ga.

MO: Drifter linked to murders of four men (including VICTIMS: 18 suspected

one sexually mutilated) and two females (an elderly MO: Enslaved blacks, killing those who fled or woman burned in her home; an eight-year-old girl raped/strangled)

“caused trouble”

DISPOSITION: Life term with 25-year minimum in DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1921; life term Fla., 1985; later condemned in La.

on second count, 1922; killed in prison, Jan. 26, 1932

Williams, Dorothy (1952–)

SEX: F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

Williams, Kenneth D. (1979–)
DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
Three confessed
DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Ark. VICTIMS: Two
MO: Strangled/robbed elderly shut-ins to support her MO: Robbed/killed a 19-year-old woman at Pine Bluff; drug habit
later shot a 57-year-old man after a prison break DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, with two
DISPOSITION: Life term for first murder, September life terms for other slayings; death sentence com-1999; escaped from prison in October 1999; recap-muted to life imprisonment, 2003
tured the following day
Williams, George E. (1943–)
Williams, Laron Ronald (1949–85)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE
DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
DATE(S): 197?/81 VENUE: Tenn. VICTIMS: Three
TIMS: Seven suspected
MO: Killed a prostitute; murdered priest and police-MO: Home invader who raped/strangled elderly
man while a fugitive from prison on that charge women
DISPOSITION: 10 years for first count (escaped Apr.
DISPOSITION: Life term without parole on two
1981); condemned on two counts, 1981; fatally
counts
beaten by other inmates, July 7, 1985

Williams, Leslie Allen (1953–)
DATE(S): 1984/97 VENUE: Las Vegas, Nev. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Oakland/Genessee
MO: Rape-slayer of female prostitutes age 24 and 25
Counties, Mich. VICTIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Imprisoned, 1985 (paroled 1995); life MO: Rape-slayer of teenage girls

term, 1998

DISPOSITION: Life without parole on one count, 1992

Willoughby, John R. (?–)

SEX: M RACE: ? TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

Williams, Robert (1936–97)

DATE(S): 1975/83 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind. VICSEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sex.

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1977 VENUE: Nebr./Iowa VICTIMS:

MO: Killed teenage girl and off-duty policewoman Three confessed

DISPOSITION: 130 years on one count

MO: Killed sister and two other women; raped/shot one who survived

Wilson, Brandon (1978–)

DISPOSITION: Executed in Nebr., Dec. 2, 1997

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Calif./Utah VICTIMS: two

Williams, Ronald Turney (d. 1981)

suspected

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Deranged drug abuser convinced that God

DATE(S): 1975/79 VENUE: W.Va./Ariz. VICTIMS:

ordered him to kill as a means of ending the world; Three

stabbed a young boy in a public restroom; arrested MO: Career criminal; victims included two policemen after wounding a woman; suspected of killing

DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1975 (escaped another child in Utah

1979); killed by FBI in N.Y. while resisting arrest, DISPOSITION: Condemned in California, Oct. 6, 1999

June 8, 1981

Wilson, Catherine (1822–62)

Williams, Ronnie Keith (1962–)

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1854–62 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1984/93 VENUE: Broward County, Fla.

Five

VICTIMS: Two

MO: Transient poisoner of acquaintances for profit MO: Pedophile lust killer

DISPOSITION: Hanged, Oct. 20, 1862

DISPOSITION: 17 years for second-degree + seven years for child molesting, 1984 (paroled, 1992); **Wilson, Mary Elizabeth** (1891–1961)

condemned, 1996

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1956–57 VENUE: Windy Hook, England

Williams, Sidney (1972–89)

VICTIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of husbands/lovers for DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: New Orleans, La. VIC-profit

TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1958 (commuted on

MO: Shot male victims in personal confrontations appeal); died in prison, 1961

DISPOSITION: Fatally shot by an acquaintance, Oct.

3, 1989

Wilson, Otto (1911–46)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Williamson, Stella (1904–80)

DATE(S): 1944 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

TIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1923–33 VENUE: Gallitzin, Pa. VIC-

MO: Women dismembered in hotel rooms

TIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Executed Sept. 20, 1946

MO: Unwed mother who killed five infants, storing the corpses in a suitcase in the attic of her home **Wimberly, Anthony** (1961–)

DISPOSITION: Died of natural causes, Aug. 1980, SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

leaving directions to the remains with an explana-DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Oakland, Calif. VIC-
tory letter
TIMS: Three
MO: Burglar who raped/killed female victims in **Willis, Fred** (1951–)
homes/stores
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Three life terms without parole, 1994

Winkles, James Deland (1940–)
MO: Rape-slayer of young women
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DISPOSITION: Condemned on six murder counts
DATE(S): 1980–81 VENUE: Pinellas Company, Fla.
VICTIMS: Two
Wood, Frederick G. (1912–)
MO: Victims shot during robberies
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DISPOSITION: Condemned on two counts, April 14, DATE(S): 1926–60 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: Five
2003
confessed
MO: Beat male victims to death in personal confronta-Wirth, Robert (1960–)
tions
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
DISPOSITION: Life term on one count, 1942 (paroled DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: Milwaukee, Wis. VIC-1960); condemned on two counts, 1962 (commuted TIMS: Six to eight
to life, 1972)
MO: Elderly victims beaten/stabbed in their homes DISPOSITION: Four consecutive life terms + 20 years, **Wood, Isaac** (d. 1858)
1991
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1858 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS: Seven

Wise, Martha Hasel (1883–?) AKA: Borgia of Amer-MO: Poisoned wife, child, and other relatives for inher-ica

itance

SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-

DISPOSITION: Hanged, July 1858

cific

DATE(S): 1924–25 VENUE: Medina County, Ohio

Wood, James Edward (1947–)

VICTIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: “Black widow” poisoner of relatives; also prolific DATE(S): 1967–92 VENUE: La./Ark./Idaho VIC-arsonist

TIMS: Seven+ suspected

DISPOSITION: Life term, 1925; died in prison

MO: Rape-slayer of girls and women

DISPOSITION: Condemned in Idaho on one count,

Wittman, Manfred (1945–) AKA: Beast of Ober-1994

franken

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Woodfield, Randall Brent (1950–) AKA: I-5 Killer DATE(S): 1959–60 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

Three confessed

DATE(S): 1961 VENUE: Ore./Wash./Calif. VIC-

MO: Impotent “ripper” of young women

TIMS: 12+ suspected

DISPOSITION: Life term on guilty plea

MO: Raped/robbed/shot females age 14–37 in random attacks

Wolter, Michael (1972–89)

DISPOSITION: Life + 90 years in Ore., 1981; 35 years SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

more in second trial for sex crimes in Ore.

DATE(S): 1980–83 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

2003

Eight suspected

MO: Rape-slayer of females age 25; victims

Wooten, Charles (1949–)

stabbed/strangled
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC
DISPOSITION: Life term on confession to five counts DATE(S): 1968/93 VENUE: Ft. Worth, Tex. VICTIMS: Three
Wongsin, Sila (d. 1959)
MO: Killed two holdup victims; killed/dismembered SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extremist
father
DATE(S): 1958–59 VENUE: Korat, Thailand VIC-
DISPOSITION: four life terms on two counts, 1970
TIMS: Five+
(paroled 1991); life term, 1995
MO: "Devil-worship" cult leader linked to human sacrifices
Workman, Charles (1908–) AKA: The Bug
DISPOSITION: Executed, June 26, 1959
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1926–41 VENUE: N.Y./N.J. VICTIMS:
Wood, David Leonard (1951–) AKA: Desert Killer
"Numerous"
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: Contract killer for "MURDER, INC."
DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: El Paso, Tex. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Life term in N.J. for murder of
TIMS: 15 confessed
ARTHUR FLEGENHEIMER, 1941 (paroled 1964)

Wright, Douglas Franklin (1940–96)
Yang Zinhai *See* WANG GANGGANG
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Ore. VICTIMS: Six+
Yasutoshi Kamata (1940–)
MO: Lured homeless men from Portland; shot them in SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Wasco County
DATE(S): 1985–94 VENUE: Osaka, Japan VIC-
DISPOSITION: Executed on Sept. 6, 1996

TIMS: Five

MO: Rape-strangler of females aged 9–46; demanded **Wright, Dwayne Allen** (1972–)

ransom for his youngest victim prior to murder SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

DISPOSITION: Condemned on five counts, March 25, DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Md./Va./D.C./ VICTIMS:

1999

Three

MO: Drug addict; shot male victims in personal dis-Yates, Daniel (?–)

putes

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad.

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count in Va., 1992

DATE(S): 1985–87 VENUE: Wash./Okla. VIC-

TIMS: Two

Wright, William (d. 1997) AKA: King Rat MO: Kidnapped, tortured and shot three hitchhikers, SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-extremist

aged 12 and 13, at Silverdale, Wash. (killing one); DATE(S): 1980s–1997 VENUE: Northern Ireland

prime suspect in the murder of a 35-year-old woman VICTIMS: Dozens in Oklahoma

MO: Leader of Protestant terrorist “rat pack” that DISPOSITION: 60 years for murder and attempted killed Catholics, Republicans, and suspected police murder in Washington

informers

DISPOSITION: Murdered by Republican rivals, Dec.

Yeo, Jonathan (1959–91)

27, 1997

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Hamilton, Ontario VIC-

Wyatt, “Señor” (d. 1864)

TIMS: Two

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: M MOTIVE: PC

MO: Lust killer of women age 19 and 28

DATE(S): 1840s–64 VENUE: Rocky Mountains

DISPOSITION: Suicide by gunshot to avoid arrest, VICTIMS: 100+

Aug. 1991

MO: “Mountain man” and prolific racist slayer of Indians; also kidnapped Mexican girls to serve as **Yershov, Vadim** (1973–)

concubines, murdering male relatives who pursued SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

him

DATE(S): 1997

VENUE: Siberia, Russia

VIC-

DISPOSITION: Killed by Mexicans in revenge for kid-TIMS: 19

nap/rape

MO: Rape/robbed/stabbed victims in random attacks DISPOSITION: Condemned, 1998

Wyatt, Thomas Anthony (1964–)

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./PC

York, Thomas (?–) AKA: Thomas Jurkiewicz DATE(S): 1988 venue: Indian River Company, Fla.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1978/81 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VICTIMS: MO: One victim killed after kidnap-rape, second killed Two

in personal altercation

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, Feb. 22,

MO: Slayer of wife and female business partner for 1991; condemned on second count, Dec. 20, 1991

insurance

DISPOSITION: 40 years on federal conspiracy charges, **Yaddav, Akku** (d. 2004)

1989

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Nagpur, India VIC-

Yoo Young-chul (1971–)

TIMS: “Several”

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex./CE

MO: Bandit and serial rapist accused of multiple mur-DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Seoul, South Korea

ders

VICTIMS: 31 confessed

DISPOSITION: Mobbed and killed by 200+ women

MO: Lured victims to his home, killed them with ham-during a pretrial hearing

mers, then dismembered and concealed the bodies **434**

Appendix A: Solo Killers

DISPOSITION: 14 convictions for rape and theft, DATE(S): 1980–87 VENUE: Pa./N.J. VICTIMS:

paroled last time in 2003; boasted of 31 murders in Two

court, on Sept. 21, 2004; disposition unknown

MO: Strangled girlfriends after sex

DISPOSITION: Life term on one court, 1989; second **Young, David Franklin** (1960–)

(consecutive) life term, 1990

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Utah/Ind. VICTIMS: Two

Zeck, Michael Duane, III (1969–)

MO: Rape slayer of women; victims stabbed/bludSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

geoned

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Fla. VICTIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: 35 years to life in Ind., 1987; con-MO: Raped/robbed/killed women in Okaloosa and

demned in Utah, 1988

Santa Rosa counties.

DISPOSITION: two trials in 1997: condemned on one **Young, Graham Frederick** (1947–90)

count; life term without parole on second count SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

DATE(S): 1962/71 VENUE: London/Bovington, Eng-

Zeid, Aida Nourre din Mohammed Abu (1973–) land VICTIMS: Three

SEX: F RACE: A TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

MO: Poisoned stepmother (1962) and various others DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Alexandria, Egypt

(1971)

VICTIMS: 18 confessed

DISPOSITION: 1972 life sentence; died in prison, Aug.

MO: Nurse who killed hospital patients so she could 1, 1990

sleep

DISPOSITION: Condemned on one count, 1998; sen-Youngblood, Herbert (1899–1934)

tence overturned on appeal

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1933–34 VENUE: Ind./Mich. VICTIMS:

Zhang Haiguan (d. 1999)

Two

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

MO: Killed merchant in robbery; shot deputy sheriff DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Shanghai, China VIC-DISPOSITION: Killed resisting arrest, Mar. 16, 1934

TIMS: Three

MO: A member of the criminal "Concrete Head Black **Zamastil, William Floyd** (1952–)

Gun Gang," who used a female victim's severed

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./PC

head to extort money

DATE(S): 1974–78 VENUE: Ariz./Calif./Wisc. VIC-DISPOSITION: Killed in shootout with police, Nov. 5, TIMS: Seven suspected

1999

MO: Drifter who killed victims of both sexes in random encounters; some female victims were raped **Zhang Lisong** (1968–98) AKA: Monster Murderer DISPOSITION: Surrendered and confessed rape-mur-SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

der of a 23-year-old woman in Dane County, Wisc., DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Hubei Province, China

1978; received life prison term; on May 28, 2004

VICTIMS: Nine

pleaded guilty to 1978 beating deaths of an 18-year-MO: Rape-slayer of women

old woman and her 17-year-old brother at Canoga DISPOSITION: Shot Sept. 24, 1998

Park, Calif.; received 25 years to life, concurrent with his Wisconsin sentence

Zhou Wen (1965–) AKA: Taxi Devil
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
Zani, Robert Joseph (1944–)
DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Anshan, China VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
Six confessed
DATE(S): 1969–79 VENUE: Okla./Tex./Ark. VIC-
MO: Taxi driver enraged by his wife's secret abortion, TIMS: Six+ suspected
who killed female fares and dumped their bodies MO: Killed his mother and multiple robbery victims, outside town; confessed in custody and produced a with a preference for real estate agents
diary of his crimes
DISPOSITION: 99 years on one count in Tex., 1981; DISPOSITION: Unknown
99 years for mother's murder in Okla., 1982 (overturned on appeal, 1986)
Zon, Hans von (1942–)
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE
Zayas, Carlos (1948–)
DATE(S): 1964–67 VENUE: Amsterdam, Netherland
SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: Five

MO: Bisexual slayer; killed two female lovers, one gay DISPOSITION: Convicted on four murder counts, plus man, and two male robbery victims
kidnapping, robbery, and attempted rape; received DISPOSITION: Lif term, 1967; robbery accomplice life prison term, June 8, 2000
Oude Nol drew a seven-year term
Zwanziger, Anna Maria (1760–1811)
Zu Shenatir (?–?)
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-nonspe-
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex.
cific
DATE(S): Fifth century VENUE: Yemen VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1806–09 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

“Numerous”

Four

MO: Pedophile slayer of boys at his home

MO: Household servant who poisoned employers and DISPOSITION: Fatally stabbed by last intended victim coworkers, including wives and children of men she hoped to marry, as well as the men themselves when **Zurwehm, Dieter** (1942–)

no proposals were forthcoming

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE-

DISPOSITION: Beheaded in July 1811

felony

DATE(S): 1972/1999 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS:

Zwerbach, Maxwell (1882–1908) AKA: Kid Twist Five

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Murdered a woman at Dueren, 1972; escaped

DATE(S): 1890s–1908 VENUE: New York City

from prison December 1998; killed two elderly

VICTIMS: 20+

couples during a home-invasion robbery at Rema-MO: Street gang “enforcer” and contract killer gen; DNA evidence linked him to two attempted

DISPOSITION: Killed in gangland ambush, May 14, rapes

1908

Abel, Wolfgang (1959–); **Furlan, Mario** (1960–) **Alves, Joaquim** (1929–); **Ferreira, Priscilla Souza** SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-

(1978–)

extremist

SEX: M/F RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Cult

DATE(S): 1977–84 VENUE: Italy VICTIMS: 14

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Victoria da Con-

MO: Methods varied from individual kills to arson-quista, Brazil VICTIMS: “Several”

mass murder

MO: Self-styled sorcerer and his girlfriend, found with DISPOSITION: 30 years each, 1987; released to

ritual implements and a murdered six-year-old boy

"open custody" on appeal, based on time served in their home; each accused the other of murder; prior to trial

police link other child sacrifices to the couple DISPOSITION: Unknown

Adams, Charles (?–); **Bruintjies, Johannes** (?–); **Chavulla, Laston** (?–); **Ruiters, Dawid** (?–); **Andrade, Valentina de** (1928–); **Caldas Brandão, Dr.**

Solomon, André Douglas (?–) AKA: Flower **Césio** (?–); **Ferreira de Souza, Dr. Anísio** (?–); **Madeira Gomes, Amailton** (?–); **Santos Lima,** Gangsters

Carlos Alberto dos (?–) AKA: Superior Universal SEX: 5 M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

Enlightenment

DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Northern Cape, South

SEX: 1 F/4 M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-

Africa VICTIMS: Eight

cult

MO: Escaped convicts and gang members who mur-

DATE(S): 1989–93 VENUE: Altamira, Brazil VIC-

dered a male acquaintance and seven strangers while TIMS: 14

still at large

MO: Satanic UFO cult that believed all children born DISPOSITION: All five convicted on three counts of after 1981 are evil and must be eliminated; members murder and various lesser offenses, receiving life included two physicians, an ex-policeman, and a terms; two convicted on two additional murder

wealthy businessman, led by a self-styled clairvoy-counts, receiving 25-year terms

ant; kidnapped, tortured and castrated 19 boys aged 8–13, killing 14

Allen, Michael (1972–) AKA: Fat Rat; **Johnson,** DISPOSITION: Santos received a 35-year term for one **Cleamon** (1969–) AKA: Big Evil

murder and two attempted murders, Aug. 30, 2003; SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-gang

Madeira received 57 years for three murders in sepa-DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

rate trial, Aug. 30, 2003; Dr. Ferreira received 77

TIMS: 60+ suspected

years for three murders and one attempted murder, MO: Homicidal members of the “Bloods” street gang Sept. 4, 2003; leader Andrade was acquitted of three DISPOSITION: Both condemned on two counts, 1997

murders and two attempted murders, Dec. 6, 2003

Anselmi, Albert (1884–1929); **Scalise, John** (1900–29) DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Gugulethu, South Africa

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

VICTIMS: 18

DATE(S): 1920s VENUE: Sicily/U.S. VICTIMS:

MO: Armed robbers and rapists who killed robbery

“Numerous”

victims and suspected police informers during four-MO: Prolific Mafia assassins during Prohibition era, month crime spree

suspected of participation in Chicago’s St. Valen-DISPOSITION: Nombewu killed by police while resist-tine’s Day massacre and many other gangland muring arrest; on May 5, 2004 Baninzi received 19 life ders

terms plus 189 years on conviction of 14 murders, DISPOSITION: Beaten to death by ALPHONSES CAPONE

four rapes, and two armed robberies; additional life on May 7, 1929

terms were imposed at a separate trial for four other slayings

Asahara, Shoko (1955–) et al. AKA: “Aum Shinrikyo” (Supreme Truth)

Barker, Arthur (1899–1939), **Fred** (1901–35), and **HerSEX: c. 5,000 M/F RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE:**

man (1893–1927); Karpis, Alvin (1908–79); et al.

GC-cult

SEX: 4+ M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1989–96 VENUE: Japan VICTIMS: 20+

DATE(S): 1920–34 VENUE:

MO: Doomsday cult whose leader ordered murders of Okla./Kans./Mo./Ark./Minn./Ill. VICTIMS: 11+

defecting members, cult associates, and perceived MO: Career criminals allegedly led by mother of the enemies; cultists also committed mass murder via Barker brothers; killed lawmen, holdup victims, and release of nerve gas on crowded subway trains

gangland associates

DISPOSITION: Eight members ordered to pay ¥100

DISPOSITION: Herman killed in Kans. shoot-out with million to families of four victims killed in subway police, Aug. 29, 1972; Fred and "Ma" Barker killed gas attack, 1996; one cult member sentenced to 15

by FBI in Fla., Jan. 20, 1935; Arthur sentenced to years for two counts of murder and gassing of vic-life for kidnapping, 1935 (killed in prison break tims who survived, 1997; one member condemned

attempt, Jan. 13, 1939); Karpis sentenced to life, on four counts, three sentenced to terms from 6 1/2

1936 (paroled and deported to Canada, 1969); vari-years to life on charges of murder and kidnapping, ous peripheral gang members killed or imprisoned 1998; further trials ongoing

Barrow, Clyde Chestnut (1909–34); Parker, Bonnie Assassins, Order of AKA: *Hashishin*

(1910–34); Barrow, Ivan (c. 1901–33); Hamilton, SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-Raymond (d. 1935); **Jones, William Daniel** (1915–?) cult/CE

DATE(S): 1092–1260 VENUE: Middle East/Europe

SEX: 4 M/1 F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-

VICTIMS: Thousands

felony

MO: Muslim splinter sect whose members hired out as DATE(S): 1930–34 VENUE: Tex./Okla. Mo. VIC-professional killers during the Crusades; self-interest TIMS: 12

prevailed, and assassins frequently served Christian MO: Nomadic bandits; shot holdup victims and law-masters.

men

DISPOSITION: Members scattered or exterminated DISPOSITION: Ivan Barrow fatally wounded by posse, when Mongol raiders overran the cult stronghold in July 1933; Bonnie and Clyde killed in police

Persia

ambush, May 1934; Hamilton executed, May 1935; Jones sentenced to life

Aung Kyau Saw (?–); **Picherd Saenko** (1980–) SEX: 2 M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-Beane, Sawney (d. 1435), et al.

felony

SEX: 27 M/21 F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:

DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Bangkok, Thailand

CE/PC

VICTIMS: Three confessed

DATE(S): c. 1410–35 VENUE: County Galway, Scot-MO: Unlicensed tour guides who killed and robbed land VICTIMS: 1,000 est.

tourists, including one Canadian and two Japanese MO: Incestuous cave-dwelling family; ambushed, DISPOSITION: Unknown

robbed, and cannibalized travelers along Scottish coast

Baninzi, Asande (1983–); **Nombewu, Mtutuzeli** (d.

DISPOSITION: Captured in 1435 and executed with-2001)

out trial; male members of the clan were drawn and SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

quartered; females were burned alive

Bemore, Terry Douglas (1956–); **Cosby, Keith** DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VICTIMS:

(1959–)

Four

SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sad.

MO: Prostitutes who robbed and shot male victims DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-lured from bars for sex

TIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Blakely pleaded guilty on three counts, MO: Beat/stabbed victims in liquor store robberies Jan. 16, 2004; Ervin pleaded guilty on three counts, DISPOSITION: Bemore condemned, 1989; life without June 9, 2004; both received life prison terms

parole for Cosby, 1989

Brady, Al (d. 1937); **Dalhover, James** (d. 1938); **Shaf-Bender, William, “Ma,” John, Kate (DOBs unk.) fer, Clarence** (d. 1937)

SEX: 2 M/2 F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: 3 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1872–73 VENUE: Cherryvale, Kans.

DATE(S): 1930s VENUE: Midwest U.S. VICTIMS:

VICTIMS: 11 confirmed

Five

MO: Homicidal family; robbed/killed boarders in their MO: Armed robbers; shot lawmen and bank tellers roadside inn

DISPOSITION: Brady and Shaffer killed by FBI in DISPOSITION: Unknown; rumors of vigilante lynch-Maine, Oct. 12, 1937; Dalhover subsequently exe-ing unsubstantiated

cuted

Bernardo, Paul (1964–); **Homolka, Karla** (1970–) **Brady, Ian Duncan** (1938–); **Hindley, Myra** SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

(1942–2002)

DATE(S): 1990–92 VENUE: Ontario, Canada VIC-

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:

TIMS: Three

Sex./Sad.

MO: Lust killers of three young women, including DATE(S): 1963–65 VENUE: Scotland/England VIC-Karla's sister

TIMS: 10 suspected

DISPOSITION: Homolka turned state's evidence,

MO: "Thrill killers" of male and female victims, vari-receiving 10–12 years in return for testimony, 1994; ous ages

Bernardo sentenced to life with 25-year minimum, DISPOSITION: Life sentences for both on three

1995; Homolka released on July 4, 2005

counts, 1966; Hindley died in prison on Nov. 15, 2002

Birnie, David and Catherine (both 1951–)

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

Braun, Thomas Eugene; Maine, Leonard (both DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Freemantle, Australia

1951–

)

VICTIMS: Five

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

MO: Rape-murders of young women
DATE(S): 1967 VENUE: Wash./Ore. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Life sentences for both 1987
Three
MO: Victims shot for their vehicles; one woman raped **Bijeh, Mohammed** (?–); **Baghi, Ali** (?–) AKA: DISPOSITION: Life terms for both
Vampires of the Tehran Desert
SEX: 2 M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
Brooks, Benjamin H. (1967–); **Treesh, Frederick J.**
DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Tehran, Iran VIC-
(1964–)
TIMS: 20 alleged
SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
MO: Rape-slayers of victims lured to the desert on DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Mich./Ohio VICTIMS:
hunting expeditions; those killed included 17 chil-Two
dren, two men, and one woman
MO: Killed holdup victims
DISPOSITION: On Oct. 14, 2004, Bijeh was con-
DISPOSITION: Treesh condemned in Ohio; 56 years demned on two counts of rape, also receiving 15
to life to Brooks, 1996
years for kidnapping, three years for seven counts of murder, and 100 lashes for crimes against the dead; **Brown, John** (1800–59), **Frederick¯** (1827–56), **Jason** Baghi was acquitted of murder but received 15 years (1823–?), **Oliver** (c. 1838–59), et al.
for kidnapping and 100 lashes
SEX: 15 M RACE: W/B TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-
extremist
Blakely, Falicia (1979–); **Ervin, Ameshia** (1982–) DATE(S): 1855–59 VENUE: Kans./Va. VICTIMS:
SEX: 2 F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony
12+

MO: Religious fanatic abolitionist, his sons, and SEX: 8 M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-assorted other followers; murdered advocates of extremist

slavery in Kans. and in later raid on U.S. arsenal at DATE(S): 1978 VENUE: Ill./Nebr. VICTIMS: 12

Harper's Ferry, Va.; several victims dismembered MO: Black racists; shot whites in home invasions DISPOSITION: Frederick killed in battle, Aug. 18, DISPOSITION: Burse and Moran murdered in jail, 1856; Oliver and 11 others killed at Harper's Ferry; June 1979; life terms for their accomplices

John Brown hanged, Dec. 2, 1859

Burrows, Erskine Durrant (d. 1973); **Tacklyn, Larry Brown, John Frank** (1963–); **Coetzee, Samuel Winfield** (d. 1973)

Jacques (1967–97)

SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:

extremist

Sex./Sad./CE

DATE(S): 1972–73 VENUE: Bermuda VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1993–95 VENUE: South Africa VIC-

Five

TIMS: Five

MO: Black power activists; shot five white men MO: Gay lovers who robbed/killed/mutilated men met (including governor)

in gay bars

DISPOSITION: Both hanged, 1973

DISPOSITION: Coetzee, suicide during trial, May 1997; life term Brown on guilty plea, 1997

Bux, Jose Miculax (d. 1946); **Macu, Mariano** (?–) SEX: 2 M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?

Buck, Rufus (d. 1896); **Davis, Lewis** (d. 1896); **Davis,** DATE(S): 1946 VENUE: Colombia VICTIMS: 12

Lucky (d. 1896); **July, Maomi** (d. 1896); **Sampson,** MO: Killed boys age 10–16; details withheld by police **Sam** (d. 1896)

DISPOSITION: Bux executed July 18, 1946; life term SEX: 5 M RACE: NA TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC

for Macu

DATE(S): 1895 VENUE: Okla. Territory VICTIMS:

Two

Carr, Jonathan (1980–); **Carr, Reginald** (1978–) MO: Killed two white victims; robbed/raped others in SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

two-week “war”

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Wichita, Kan. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: All five hanged together on July 1, Five

1896

MO: Fatally shot a 55-year-old woman, then invaded a home with five persons present, raped two women, **Burke, Peter** (1959–); **Crawford, Cody Vernon** and shot all five victims, killing four

(1958–); **Thacker, Oren** (1958–)

DISPOSITION: Both condemned in November 2002

SEX: 3 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:

Sad./GC-extremist

Carrion, Christopher Alan (1971–); **Zaepfel, Leigh** DATE(S): 1974 VENUE: Farmington, N. Mex.

Ann (1973–)

VICTIMS: Three

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Teenage racists who beat/burned Navajo men to DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Ind./Okla. VICTIMS:

death

Three

DISPOSITION: Each sentenced to indefinite juvenile MO: Holdup victims shot execution-style

confinement, 1974; release mandatory at age 21

DISPOSITION: Dual life terms for both in Okla., 1991

Burke, William (1792–1829); **Hare, William** (?–?) **Carson, James Michael** (1950–), **Susan** (1941–) SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

AKA: Michael and Suzan Bear

DATE(S): 1827–28 VENUE: Edinburgh, Scotland

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

VICTIMS: 12 minimum

extremist

MO: Sold corpses of victims for medical dissection DATE(S): 1981–83 VENUE: California VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Burke hanged, 1829; Hare immunized Three

for testimony

MO: Self-styled “Muslim warriors”; killed three suspected “witches”

Burse, Nathaniel (1955–79); **Clark, Michael** DISPOSITION: 25 years to life for both on each of (1957–); **Jackson, Garland** (1956–); **Moran,** three counts, 1984

Edward, Jr. (1955–79); **Patry, Darrell** (1958–); **Taylor, Donald** (1957–); **Taylor, Reuben** (1956–

Chan Ka-chun (1972–); **Chan Ki-nang** (1969–);

); **Wilson, Robert** (1960–) AKA: De Mau Mau **Leung Sze-lai** (1975–)

SEX: 3 M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

gang-related, committed at various sites throughout DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: China VICTIMS:

England between his teenage years and 1979

Three

DISPOSITION: Pinfold received a 10-year sentence for MO: Raped/robbed women; victims suffocated and robbery in 1977; Childs confessed contract murders stabbed

after he was jailed for hijacking in June 1979; Childs DISPOSITION: All three convicted, 1999: three life testified against his two accomplices at trial in terms plus 26 years for Chan Ka-chun; two life December 1979; Pinfold convicted on one count, terms for Chan Ki-nang; 12 years for Leung Sze-lai receiving life prison term; MacKenny convicted on on guilty plea to manslaughter and rape

two counts, receiving life term with 25 years minimum; Childs also received a life term

Chaney, Ben, Jr. (1953–); **Rutrell, Martin** (1955–); **Thompson, L. L.** (1950–70)

Clanton, Newman Haynes (d. 1881), **Joseph Isaac** SEX: 3 M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-

(1847–87), **Phineas Fay** (1845–?), **William Harrison** extremist

(1862–81)

DATE(S): 1970 VENUE: Fla./S.C. VICTIMS: Four

SEX: 4+ M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

MO: Young blacks who robbed/shot whites to “get DATE(S): 1873–87 VENUE: Ariz./Mexico VIC-even” for racism in the South

TIMS: 60+

DISPOSITION: Thompson killed in shoot-out with MO: Old West outlaw family whose gang also included S.C. victims, May 20, 1970; Chaney and Rutrell WILLIAM BROCIUS GRAHAM, JOHN RINGGOLD, and

imprisoned in S.C.

others; staged murderous raids into Mexico for loot and livestocks; engaged in bloody feud with WYATT

Chen Chin-hsing (d. 1999); **Kao Tien-men** (d. 1997); EARP, his brothers, and JOHN HOLLIDAY around

Lin Chun-sheng (d. 1997)

Tombstone, Ariz.

SEX: 3 M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

DISPOSITION: Newman killed with five associates in DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Taiwan VICTIMS: 12

Mexico, following massacre of 19 Mexicans, July MO: Shot nine political victims “gangland style”; 1881; William killed at O.K. Corral gunfight with killed a doctor and his nurse after plastic surgery on two associates, Oct. 26, 1881; Joseph killed by Chen; kidnapped and killed the teenage daughter of posse, June 1887; Phineas sent to Yuma prison, a TV celebrity; several surviving female victims 1887 (paroled 1897)

raped

DISPOSITION: Lin killed in shootout with police, **Clark, Henry Lovell William** (1868–1913); **Fullam,** August 1997; Kao committed suicide when cornered by police, November 1997; Chen executed by firing **Augusta Fairfield** (1875–1914)

squad, Oct. 6, 1999

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

domestic

“Chijon Family”

DATE(S): 1911–12 VENUE: Agra, India VICTIMS:

SEX: 7 M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-

Two

extremist

MO: Adulterous lovers; killed Clark's wife and Ful-DATE(S): 1993–94 VENUE: South Korea VIC-

lam's husband

TIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Both condemned; Clarke hanged Mar.

MO: Cannibal ex-convicts driven by hatred of the 26, 1913; Fullam died of heatstroke in prison, May wealthy

28, 1914

DISPOSITION: All condemned, 1994

Clopton, Phillip (1951–90); **Cable, James Ray Childs, John** (?–); **MacKenny, Henry** (1936–); **Pin-**

(1949–)

fold, Terence (?–)

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: 3 M RACE: W TYPE: T/N MOTIVE: CE-

DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Ky. VICTIMS: Three

felony

suspected

DATE(S): 1965–79 VENUE: London, England VIC-

MO: Kidnappers and rape-slayers of female victims TIMS: 11 confessed

DISPOSITION: Clopton shot dead by teenage victim, MO: Freelance contract killers who murdered five men Apr. 1990; three consecutive 100-year terms (with and a 10-year-old boy, 1974–78; in 1998 Childs 150-year minimum) for Cable on kidnap, rape, and confessed five other slayings, both personal and sodomy charges, 1991

Coleman, Alton (1955–2002); **Brown, Debra Denise Couvrette, Annette** (?–); **Gravel, Germaine** (?–); (1959–)

Lapierre, Imelda (?–); **Lemire, Elizabeth** (?–); SEX: M/F RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./CE

Tanuay, Germaine (?–)

DATE(S): 1984 VENUE: Ill./Ind./Ohio VICTIMS:

SEX: 5 F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC/CE

Eight

DATE(S): 1950–51 VENUE: Canton, China VIC-

MO: “Thrill killers” of victims age 7–77

TIMS: 2,116

DISPOSITION: Both condemned (Coleman in all three MO: French Canadian Catholic nuns who ran the

states); Coleman executed in Ohio, April 26, 2002

Holy Child Orphanage, killing most of their charges and illegally selling infants who survived; 2,116 of **Cook, Anthony** (1948–); **Cook, Nathaniel** (1957–) 2,251 inmates died between October 1950 and Feb-SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE-

ruary 1951; no body count before that time is avail-felony

able

DATE(S): 1973–80 VENUE: Toledo, Ohio VIC-

DISPOSITION: All five nuns were convicted of murder TIMS: Nine

in 1951; Couvrette and Gravel received five-year MO: Brothers who preyed chiefly on couples, robbing prison terms, while the other three were deported and murdering four men aged 21–43, raping and

killing five females aged 12–22; a sixth rape victim **Dalton, Emmett** (1871–?), **Grattan** (1865–92), **Robert** survived multiple stab wounds

(1868–92), **William** (1866–93)

DISPOSITION: Anthony received a term of 15 years to SEX: 4 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

life for one murder in 1999; Anthony pleaded guilty DATE(S): 1891–92 VENUE: Calif./Okla./Kans.

to a second murder, rape, and attempted murder in VICTIMS: Eight+

April 2000, receiving another sentence of 15 years MO: Old West outlaw brothers; killed lawmen and to life, while seven murder counts were dismissed; robbery victims

Nathaniel pleaded guilty on one murder charge and DISPOSITION: Grattan and Robert killed in Kans.

two kidnapping counts in April 2000, receiving a robbery, Oct. 4, 1892; Emmett sentenced to life for term of 21–75 years with release scheduled for 2020

same holdup (paroled 1907); William killed by

posse, Sept. 25, 1893

Cooper, Robert W. (1979–); **MacKay, Charles** (1973–)

Daniels, Murl (1924–49); **West, John Coulter** (d. 1948) SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Ohio/Mich. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1948 VENUE: Ohio VICTIMS: Six
Four
MO: Escaped convicts; killed various victims while at MO: Rape-slayers of female prostitutes aged 36–43; large
survivors also raped
DISPOSITION: West killed by posse, July 1948;
DISPOSITION: MacKay pleaded guilty on one count Daniels executed, Jan. 3, 1949
in Toledo, Ohio, February 2000; Cooper pleaded guilty to one murder and a separate rape in Monroe **Daveggio, James** (1961–
); **Michaud, Michelle**
County, Mich., March 2000; received life term plus (1959–
)
seven years (27 years minimum); Cooper received SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:
10–15 years for rape-murders of two Toledo victims, Sex./Sad.
September 2000; MacKay received life plus eight DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Calif./Nev. VICTIMS: Six years for murder and a separate rape in Michigan, suspected
October 2000
MO: Kidnapped, tortured, and raped female victims of various ages; Daveggio also molested and tortured **Copeland, Ray** (1913–93); **Copeland, Faye** various members of his family
(1920–2003)
DISPOSITION: Both condemned on Sept. 25, 2002, SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE
for the 1997 torture-slaying of a 22-year-old
DATE(S): 1986–89 VENUE: Mooresville, Mo. VIC-
woman; in August 1999 Daveggio received a 24-
TIMS: Five
year prison term and $500,000 fine for kidnapping MO: Married couple who killed hired hands on their and raping a victim in Reno; Michaud also received farm
a 12-year sentence and $175,000 fine in that case; DISPOSITION: Both condemned, 1991; Ray died in Daveggio received additional prison time for

molest-prison, October 1993; Faye's sentence commuted to ing his daughter; he remains suspect in the Califor-life, August 1999; died in prison Dec. 18, 2003

nia murders of a woman and four young girls

DeMeo, Roy Albert (1941–83); **Borelli, Henry** DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Watsonville, Calif. VIC-

(1948–

); **Gaggi, Anthony Frank** (1926–

); **Testa,**

TIMS: Two

Joseph, Jr. (1955–

)

AKA: The Murder Machine

MO: Beat and slashed a male drifter and the owner of SEX: 4 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

a rest home

DATE(S): 1975–82 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Dotson received two terms of life with-75–100

out parole, January 2001; Labore received a term of MO: Contract killers for Gambino Mafia "family"

60 years to life, April 2001

DISPOSITION: DeMeo murdered, Jan. 10, 1983; life term + 160 years for Borelli, 1986; multiple life **Dudley, Kenneth Edwin** (?–), **Irene Gwyn** (?–) terms for Gaggi and Testa, 1989

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/Sad.

DATE(S): 1946/1958–61 VENUE:

Dingum (?–?); **Cornerford** (d. 1837) N.Y./Fla./Ariz./Ky./Va. VICTIMS: Six

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

MO: Brutal parents whose children died from abuse DATE(S): 1837 VENUE: Port Phillip, Australia

and hunger on a rambling cross-country trek

VICTIMS: Seven+

DISPOSITION: Kenneth served one year in N.Y. for MO: "Bush rangers" who cannibalized fellow outlaws

“improper burial” of first child

DISPOSITION: Cornerford lynched; life term for Dingum

Duffy, John Francis (1956–
); **Mulcahy, David**
(1959–
)

AKA: Railway Murderers

Dirlewanger, Oskar-Paul (1895–1945) et al. AKA: SEX; 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Sonderkommando Dirlewanger

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

SEX: 854 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-

Three

extremist

MO: Serial rapists who attacked female victims in or DATE(S): 1940–45 VENUE: East Europe/Russia

near British railway stations, 1982–86, killing three VICTIMS: Thousands

of an estimated 15 victims

MO: Nazi mobile death squad led by convicted sex DISPOSITION: Duffy received three life terms plus 30

offender, composed entirely of ex-convicts; killed years for multiple rapes, 1988; named Mulcahy as Jews and other civilians, including participation in his accomplice in October 2000; Mulcahy received suppression of Warsaw Ghetto revolt

three life terms for murder on Feb. 2, 2001; also DISPOSITION: Dirlewanger died in Allied detention received concurrent 24-year terms for each of seven camp, June 7, 1945; no postwar charges were filed rapes and 18-year terms on each of five conspiracy on assumption that all active members died in action charges

Dohmeyer, Juergen (1948–
); **Leuking, Kurt**

Dvoracek, Mrs., and unnamed male accomplices (1953–
)

AKA: The Mad Dogs

SEX: 1 F/7 M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1918–25 VENUE: Iglau, Czechoslovakia
DATE(S): 1983 VENUE: Hannover, Germay VIC-
VICTIMS: Four+
TIMS: Three
MO: Robbed/murdered Polish refugees at Mrs. Dvo-MO: Shot robbery victims, one male and two female racek's home
DISPOSITION: Life terms for both, 1988
DISPOSITION: All condemned, 1925
Doorbal, Noel Alexander (1971–); **Lugo, Danial Einsatzgruppen** (1963–)
SEX: Approximately 3,000 M RACE: W TYPE: N
SEX: 2 M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
MOTIVE: GC-extremist
DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1941–45 VENUE: USSR VICTIMS: Two
Two
million est.
MO: Career criminals, killed victims during robberies MO: Mobile Nazi murder squads in occupied Russia; DISPOSITION: Both condemned July 17, 1998
killed an estimated 1.5 million Jews and 500,000
Russian civilians
Dotson, James Erwin (1975–); **Labore, Kimberly Lee** DISPOSITION: 24 senior officers tried at Nuremburg, (1971–)
July 1947 to Apr. 1948; one suicide; 14 condemned SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
(four executed, 10 commuted); eight imprisoned; specific
one convicted but not sentenced due to poor health **443**
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Ellebracht, Walter Wesley, Sr. (?–); **Walter Wesley, Jr.**
Fernandez, Raymond Martinez (1914–51); **Beck,** (?–); **Caldwell, Robert, Carlton** (?–)
Martha Julie (1920–51) AKA: Lonely Hearts SEX: 3 M RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE/Sad.
Killers
DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Kerr County, Tex. VIC-
SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: “Several” suspected

DATE(S): 1948–49 VENUE: Ill./N.Y./Mich. VIC-

MO: Father-son ranchers and their foreman;

TIMS: Five+

enslaved/tortured male drifters; tape-recorded tor-MO: Homicidal swindlers of women seduced by Ferture sessions and boasted to captives of multiple nandez

murders

DISPOSITION: Both executed in N.Y., Mar. 8, 1951

DISPOSITION: All three convinced on one count, 1986; 15 years for William Jr.; 14 years for Caldwel; **Freight Train Riders of America**

seven years probation for William Sr.

SEX: ?M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

DATE(S): 1970s–90s VENUE: Western USA VIC-

Elliott, Eric (1978–); **Gilbert, Lewis Eugene, III** TIMS: “Hundreds”

(1971–)

MO: “Hobo” fraternity blamed by law enforcement SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

for scores of random murders spanning two decades DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Ohio/MO/Okla. VIC-DISPOSITION: Several professed members convicted TIMS: Four

of individual murders; ROBERT SILVERIA convicted MO: Shot robbery victims including an 86-year-old on multiple counts

man and three women aged 37–79

DISPOSITION: Elliott pleaded guilty on one count and **French, Anne** (?–?) AKA: Shoebox Annie Mayer; received a life prison term without parole in Ohio; **William Donald** (?–?)

Gilbert was executed on one count in Oklahoma, SEX: F/M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

July 2, 2003

DATE(S): 1920s VENUE: Mont./Wash. VICTIMS:

Seven suspected

Espinosa, Felipe (d. 1863), **Julian** (d. 1863), **Victorio** MO: Mother-son career criminals; killed robbery vic-

(d. 1863)

tims

SEX: 3 M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-

DISPOSITION: Life for Mayer in Wash. as habitual extremist

criminal, 1928; five to 10 years for French in Wash., DATE(S): 1861–63 VENUE: Colo. VICTIMS: 26

1928; both died in prison

MO: Mexican brothers; sought to kill 100 Anglos in revenge for the earlier U.S. war with Mexico

Genna, Angelo (d. 1925), **James** (d. 1925), **Michael** (d.

DISPOSITION: Victorio lynched by vigilantes; Julian 1925), **Peter** (?–?), **Sam** (?–?), **Tony** (?–?) AKA: and Victorio killed by U.S. Army scout Tom Tobin The Terrible Gennas

SEX: 6M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Esposito, John (1971–); **Woodward, Alicia** (1978–) DATE(S): c. 1910–25 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

TIMS: Dozens

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Ga./Okla. VICTIMS:

MO: Sicilian immigrants; “Black Hand” extortionists Three confessed

and bootleggers; killed extortion victims, rival gang-MO: “Thrill killers” of robbery victims

sters, and lawmen

DISPOSITION: Esposito condemned on one count in DISPOSITION: Angelo murdered by rival thugs, May Ga., 1998; trial pending for Woodward

25, 1925; Mike killed in shoot-out with police, June 13, 1925; James murdered by rivals, July 8, 1925; **Evans, Paul, Jr.** (1980–); **Townsend, Nathan** (1980–) surviving brothers fled to Sicily, 1925; returned to SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-Chicago after repeal of Prohibition as “legitimate”

specific

businessmen

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Ala./Miss. VIC-

TIMS: Four suspected

Ghira, Andrea (?–); **Guido, Giovanni** (?–); **Izzo,** MO: Thrill killers of two teenage girls shot in Jones **Angelo** (?–) AKA: Monster of Circeo

County, Miss.; prime suspects in a similar murder at SEX: 3 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Ozark, Ala.

DATE(S): 1975 VENUE: Circeo, Italy VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Townsend pleaded no contest and tes-Two+ suspected

tified against Evans; Evans received two life terms in MO: Gang rapists who murdered their female victims Mississippi

DISPOSITION: Convicted; sentences unk.

Gonzales, Delfina (?–); **Maria de Jesus** (?–) 1989, although the court cited “reasonable cause ”

SEX: 2 F RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

to believe they were guilty

DATE(S): 1950s–63 VENUE: Guanajuato, Mexico

VICTIMS: 100+

Hale, Steven (1977–); **Wessell, Chalk** (d. 1998) MO: Sisters and white-slavers; killed prostitutes, their SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-non-babies, and male customers (who were also robbed) specific

DISPOSITION: 40 years each, 1964

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Ill./Ind. VICTIMS: Five

MO: Thrill killers who shot victims of both sexes in **Goodman, Keith Eugene** (1959–); **Holland, Tracy** random attacks

Lynn (1968–); **Mead, Jon Christopher** (1967–) DISPOSITION: Wessell shot himself prior to arrest, in SEX: 2 M/1 F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

April 1998; Hale received life terms in Illinois (June DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: N.Y./Miss. VICTIMS:

1999) and Indiana (March 2000)

Four

MO: Slayers of random holdup victims

Haley, Kevin Bernard (1964–), **Reginald** (1960–) DISPOSITION: Goodman, life + 20 years in N.Y., SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE:

1990; Mead, life + 20 years in N.Y., 1991; Holland CE/Sex./Sad.

turned state’s evidence; Goodman and Mead con-

victed on one count of homicide Mass., 1992

DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif.

VICTIMS: Seven

Gray, Kevin L. (1971–); **Moore, Rodney L.** (1965–) MO: Career criminals, serial rapists, and random slaySEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

ers of females age 15 to 89

felony

DISPOSITION: Life + 60 years for Reginald, 1987; DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-Kevin condemned, 1988

TIMS: 29

MO: Drug dealers who murdered competitors and per-Halstead, Dennis (1955–); **Kogut, John** (1964–); sonal enemies

Restivo, John (1959–)

DISPOSITION: Both convicted in January 2003, Gray SEX: 3 M

RACE: W

TYPE: T

MOTIVE:

on 19 counts of murder, Moore on 10; both con-

Sex./CE

demned

DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Long Island, N.Y.

VICTIMS: Four suspected

Gusenberg, Frank (1892–1929), **Peter** (1888–1929) MO: Rape-slayers of teenage girls; also suspected in SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

bizarre "suicide" of a potential state witness DATE(S): 1920–29 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-DISPOSITION: Life terms for all three on one count, TIMS: "Numerous"

1986

MO: Brothers and contract killers for a bootleg syndicate

Harpe, Micajah (1768–99) AKA: Big Harpe **Harpe,** DISPOSITION: Murdered together in St. Valentine's **Wiley** (1770–1804) AKA: Little Harpe

Day massacre

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1798–1804 VENUE: Tenn./Ill./Ky./Miss.

Haerm, Dr. Teet (1953–); **Allgen, Dr. Thomas Lars** VICTIMS: 40+

(1949–)

MO: Career criminals and mutilation-slayers of victims SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

ranging from total strangers to their own children DATE(S): 1982–87 VENUE: Stockholm, Sweden

VICTIMS: 10+

DISPOSITION: Micajah killed by posse in Ky., Aug.

MO: Torture-slayers of women, mostly prostitutes; 1799; Wiley hanged in Miss., Feb. 8, 1804

cannibalized victims and drank their blood; Haerm, as Stockholm's medical examiner, misdirected inves-Harrelson, Sharon Lynn (1945–); **Adams, Gary Starr** tigation for five years; Haerm also suspected in his (1943–)

wife's 1982 "suicide"

SEX: F/M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Both sentenced to life on one count, DATE(S): 1976/88 VENUE: Colo. VICTIMS: Two

1988, after Allgen confessed; Allgen also convicted MO: Lovers who killed Sharon's husbands for life of incest with his five-year-old daughter; convictions insurance

overturned on a legal technicality, whereupon Allgen DISPOSITION: Life terms for both on guilty plea, two recanted confessions; both acquitted at second trial, counts

Helzer, Glenn (1970–); **Helzer, Justin** (1972–); DATE(S): 1830s–70s VENUE: Mexico VICTIMS:

Godman, Dawn (1974–)

1,000+

SEX: 2 M/1 F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:

MO: Professional scalp hunters; Kirker killed at least PC/CE-felony

300 Indians before teaming with Hobbs, and they DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Concord, Calif. VICTIMS:

killed many more together, including 300 slaugh-Five

tered in a single village

MO: Christian fanatics who financed a "war against DISPOSITION: Kirker died of alcoholism in Calif., Satan" by means of extortion; killed two kidnap vic-1852; Hobbs kept up sporadic scalping (and ironi-tims aged 85 and 78; also killed Glenn's girlfriend cally joined in some Indian raids on whites, includ-

(who delivered ransom note), her mother and

ing destruction of JOHN GLANTON gang) until his mother's boyfriend (to eliminate witnesses)

natural death in 1879

DISPOSITION: Glenn pleaded guilty on five counts in 2004, penalty phase pending at press time; Godman **Hottle, Billy Joe** (1973–); **Swick, Craig S.** (1970–) turned states evidence, receiving a sentence of 38

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

years to life; Justin condemned on three counts with DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: West Virginia VICTIMS:

life terms on two others, Aug. 4, 2004

Three

MO: Cousins who escaped from prison together, rob-Hernandez, Cayetano (?–), **Santos** (d. 1963); **Solis** bing and killing random victims while at large **Magdalena** (?–)

DISPOSITION: Both convicted of murder, attempted SEX: 2 M/1 F RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-murder, kidnapping, attempted kidnapping and lar-cult

ceny; sentences include three life terms plus 15–50

DATE(S): 1963 VENUE: Tamaulipas, Mexico VIC-

years on lesser charges

TIMS: 12

MO: Rural cult leaders and con artists; sacrificed 10

Howell, Michael Wayne (1959–); **Watson, Mona** disciples; also killed a policeman and civilian witness **Lisa** (1960–)

DISPOSITION: Santos killed in shoot-out with police SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

raiding party; Cayetano, Solis, and 12 disciples DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Ala./Tenn./Okla. VIC-imprisoned

TIMS: Four suspected

MO: Murdered holdup/carjack victims

Herrera, Tony (1969–) **et al.**

DISPOSITION: Howell condemned in Okla. (1988)

SEX: 5 M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-

and Tenn. (1989); Watson turned state's evidence in specific

exchange for life term

DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. VIC-

TIMS: Seven suspected

Hubbard, Vincent (1965–); **Huber, Eileen** (1971–); MO: Teenage "thrill killers" of random victims; some **Lewis, John Irvin** (1970–); **Machuca, Robin** also robbed

(1965–)

DISPOSITION: 30 years for Herrera on one count, SEX: 3 M/F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

1986; other juvenile suspects remain unidentified, DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Los Angeles County, Calif.

dispositions unknown

VICTIMS: Three

MO: Kidnapped/shot robbery victims

Herzog, Loren Joseph (1965–); **Shermantine, Wesley** DISPOSITION: Life terms for Hubbard, Huber, and **Howard, Jr.** (1965–)

Machuca, 1993; Irvin condemned, 1993

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

DATE(S): 1984–98 VENUE: San Joaquin County,

Hurd, Steven Craig (1950–); **Giboney, Christopher** Calif. VICTIMS: Five

(1953–); **Hulse, Arthur** (1964–); **Taylor, HerMO: Shot three male victims; raped and murdered two man (1963–)**

females, aged 16 and 25

SEX: 4 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-cult

DISPOSITION: Shermantine condemned on three

DATE(S): 1970 VENUE: Los Angeles/Orange Coun-

counts, May 2001; Herzog received prison term of ties, Calif. VICTIMS: Two

50 years to life on three counts, Oct. 23, 2001

MO: Satanists who mutilated/cannibalized one man and one woman

Hobbs, James (1819–79); Kirker, James (1810–1852) DISPOSITION: Hurd ruled insane, confined to state SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

hospital; accomplices processed as juvenile offenders 446

Janin (d. 1919); Moujot (d. 1919) SEX: 6M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Delhi, India VICTIMS:

felony

Three

DATE(S): 1919 VENUE: France VICTIMS: Two

MO: Kidnapped, robbed, and murdered taxi drivers MO: French soldiers; killed female restaurant propri-DISPOSITION: Unknown

etors during robberies

DISPOSITION: Shot by firing squad, Aug. 1919

Infante Jimenez, Rudolfo (1963–); Villeda, Anna Maria Ruiz (1971–)

Johnson, Steven J. (1970–); Hunter, Earnest SEX: M/F RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

(1970–); Jones, Robert (1971–)

DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Matamoros, Mexico VIC-

SEX: 3 M RACE: One W/Two B TYPE: T

TIMS: Eight

MOTIVE: CE

MO: Lust killers of young women lured with employ-DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Jacksonville, N.C. VIC-

ment offers

TIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: 40 years each, 1993

MO: “Enforcers” for prostitution ring; killed hookers DISPOSITION: Two life terms for Johnson, 1994; 13

Isaac, Tommy Lee (1976–); Johnson, Roderick years for Jones, 1994; 10 years for Hunter, 1994

(1975–); Jones, Aubrey (1976–); Whaley, Michael (1974–); Whaley, Terrell (1975–) Johnston, Bruce, Sr. (1939–); David (?–); Norman SEX: 5 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Group

(?–); Hamm, Ancell Eugene (1946–); et al.

excitement

SEX: 4+M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Richardson, Tex. VIC-

DATE(S): 1970–78/85 VENUE: Chester County, Pa.

TIMS: Three

VICTIMS: Nine+

MO: “Thrill-killers” of white teenagers

MO: Career criminal brothers, with accomplices; spe-DISPOSITION: Life terms for Jones and T. Whaley, cialized in theft of farm equipment over tristate area; 1993; 40 years for M. Whaley, 1993; 20 years for killed police and suspected informers; Bruce killed Johnson, 1993; 10 years for Isaac, 1993

fellow prison inmate, 1985

DISPOSITION: Hamm sentenced to life for killing two Jackson, Peyton; Jackson, O’Delle; Jackson, Pearl; policemen, 1974; six consecutive life terms for Reed, John; Glover, Fred (DOBs: Unk.)

SEX: 4 M/1 F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Bruce, 1980; four consecutive life terms for David DATE(S): 1919–23 VENUE: Birmingham, Ala.

and Norman, 1980; Bruce died in prison, August VICTIMS: 15+

2002

MO: White merchants killed with axes during robberies

Jones, John Ray (1971–

); Rose, Jason Wayne

DISPOSITION: Confessions reported, Jan. 1924; sen-

(1968–

)

tences unknown

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-cult

DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Springfield, Ore. VIC-

James, Alexander Franklin (1843–1915); Jesse Wood-TIMS: Two suspected

son (1847–82); Younger, Coleman (1844–1916); MO: Satanists who videotaped sacrifice of one teenage James (1848–1903); John (1851–74); Robert girl; prime suspects in second case with “certain sim-

(1853–89)

ilarities”

SEX: 6M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC

DISPOSITION: Rose condemned, 1989; life term with DATE(S): 1862–76 VENUE:

25-year minimum for Jones, 1989

Kans./Mo./Ky./Iowa/Minn. VICTIMS: 14+ after
war
Jones, Milton (1970–); Simmons, Theodore (1969–
MO: Members of "QUANTRILL'S RAIDERS" during Civil
)
War; later killed lawmen and holdup victims in bank SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
and train robberies
DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: Buffalo, N.Y. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: John Younger killed by Pinkerton
Two
detective, Mar. 16, 1874; Jesse James murdered, MO: Robbed/killed Catholic priests in their rectories Apr. 3, 1882; other three Younger brothers sen-DISPOSITION: Two consecutive terms of 25 years to tenced to life terms in Minn., 1876
life for each defendant, 1988

Kauffman, Christopher (1979–); McMahan, Jamie months; Kenneth received 125 years and eight
(1975–)
months
SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Iowa VICTIMS: Two
Knighton, Robert Wesley (1942–); Brittain, MO: Shot elderly holdup victims in Mahaska and Lawrence Lingle (1973–); Williams, Ruth Renee Poweshiek counties
(?–)
DISPOSITION: Life without parole for both, 1998
SEX: 2 M/1 F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Mo./Okla. VICTIMS:
Keene, Marvallous (1933–); Smith, Demarcus Four
(1975–); Matthews, Heather (1972–); Taylor MO: Killed robbery victims in their homes
Laura (1976–)
DISPOSITION: Knighton condemned in Okla., 1990; SEX: 2 M/2 F RACE: 2B/2W TYPE: T MOTIVE:

life term for Brittain in Mo., 1990; 15 years for CE
Williams in Mo., 1990
DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Dayton, Ohio VICTIMS:
Five
Knoppa, Antony Michael (1948–); Lanham, Harry MO: "Thrill-killers" of victims in petty robberies (?–)
DISPOSITION: Keene condemned; life term for
SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE:
Matthews on plea bargain; Smith and Taylor conSex./Sad.
fined as juveniles until age 21
DATE(S): 1971 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: Four
MO: Lust killers of girls and young women
Kelbach, Walter (1938–); Lance, Myearon (1941–) DISPOSITION: Life terms for both, 1972
SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:
CE/Sex./Sad.
Knotek, David (1952–); Knotek, Michelle (1954–) DATE(S): 1966 VENUE: Salt Lake City, Utah VIC-SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC
TIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1994–2003 VENUE: South Bend, Wash.
MO: Homosexual slayers of five men and one woman VICTIMS: Four
during robberies; two male victims also raped
MO: Killed three lodgers at their home, including one DISPOSITION: Both condemned, 1967; commuted to relative; two victims burned, their ashes scattered on life terms, 1972
a nearby beach; suspected in the beating death of an 81-year-old man who hired Michelle as a caregiver Kelley, Edward "Ned" (1855–80); Kelly, Daniel DISPOSITION: Michelle pleaded no contest on two (1863–80); Hart, Steven (1859–80); Byrne, Joseph murder counts and received a 15-year sentence on (1857–80)
SEX: 4 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE
June 21, 2004; David pleaded guilty on two counts DATE(S): 1874–80 VENUE: Australia VICTIMS:
of second- degree murder, receiving a 15-year sen-Four
tence on Aug. 26, 2004

MO: Rural bandits who killed policemen and an
informer

LeBaron, Ervil Morrell (1925–81), et al. AKA: DISPOSITION: Byrne fatally shot by police on July 27, Church of the Lamb of God

1880; Hart and Dan Kelly shot themselves during SEX: ?M/?W RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-the same battle; Ned Kelly hanged on Nov. 11, 1880

cult

DATE(S): 1966–88 VENUE: Mexico/Utah/Calif./Tex.

Kimes, Sante (1934–); Kimes, Kenneth (1975–) VICTIMS: 22+

SEX: F/M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-

MO: Polygamous cult of excommunicated Mormons; felony

murdered cult defectors and rival polygamists in acts DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: US/Bahamas VICTIMS:

of "blood atonement"; victims included Ervil's more than six alleged

brother and pregnant daughter; cultists support MO: Mother and son swindlers linked to multiple themselves via odd jobs, bank robberies, and orga-deaths and disappearances of fraud victims, includ-nized auto theft

ing a man in Los Angeles and an 82-year-old mil-DISPOSITION: Ervil sentenced to 12 years in Mexico lionaire in New York City

for brother's death, 1973 (reversed on appeal, DISPOSITION: Convicted in New York on 113 felony 1974); life term in Utah, 1980 (died in prison, July counts, including one murder, May 18, 2000; Sante 1981); son Aaron LeBaron (1968–) sentenced to received a prison term of 120 years and four

45 years on three counts in Tex., 1997; three other 448

Appendix B: Team Killers

cultists serving life for murders in Tex.; five pled Lovett, Michael (1959–); Wyatt, Thomas Anthony guilty to auto theft in Ariz.

(1964–)

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

Lee, James (?–?), Pink (d. 1885), Tom (d. 1885) DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Indian River County, Fla.

SEX: 3 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1880s VENUE: Cooke County, Tex. VIC-

MO: Escaped convicts from N.C., killing on the run; TIMS: 40+ alleged

victims kidnapped/robbed/raped

MO: Outlaw brothers blamed for numerous holdups DISPOSITION: Both condemned, 1991

and murders

DISPOSITION: Pink and Tom killed by posse Dec.

Ma Yong (1960–); Duan Zhiqun (1983–) 1885; James disappeared after surprise acquittal on SEX: M/F RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

charges of killing four lawmen

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Shenzhen, China VIC-

TIMS: 12

LeGrand, Devernon (1925–), Steven (1950–) MO: Posed as employment brokers, robbing and

SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

killing young women who applied for jobs

DATE(S): 1963–75 VENUE: N.Y. VICTIMS: Six+

DISPOSITION: Both condemned after pleading guilty, MO: Cult leader and his son; killed two of Devernon's Nov. 25, 2003

wives, two teen sisters, and two male cohorts in prostitution ring

Majola, Simon (1968–); Nikosi, Themba (1979–) DISPOSITION: 25 years to life for both, 1977

SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

felony

Lelièvre, André (?–), Yvette (?–) DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: Johannesburg, South

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-

Africa VICTIMS: Eight

domestic

MO: Robbed male victims of cash, jewelry, and cell DATE(S): 1950s–60s VENUE: France VICTIMS:

phones before drowning them in Bruma Lake

Seven

DISPOSITION: Both received 13 life terms plus 797

MO: Married couple; in lieu of practicing birth con-years on March 23, 2003

trol, drowned newborn infants and buried them at home

Marlow, James Gregory (1956–); Coffman, Cynthia DISPOSITION: Life sentences for both, 1969

Lynn (1962–)

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

Liao Chang-Shin (d. 1945); Hsui Chang-Shan (d.

1945)

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Calif./Ariz. VICTIMS:

SEX: 2 M RACE: A TYPE: S MOTIVE: CE

Three

DATE(S): 1945 VENUE: Changzhou, China VIC-

MO: Robbed/murdered women age 18–35; at least one TIMS: 79 confessed

victim raped

MO: Robbed/killed guests at their inn

DISPOSITION: Both condemned in Calif., 1989

DISPOSITION: Both executed

Martin, Bradley A. (1972–); King, Carolyn A.

Lippard, Christopher (?–); Roache, Charles Wesley (1966–)

(1974–)

SEX: M/F RACE: W/B TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Pa./N.Dak./Nev. VIC-

felony

TIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Haywood County, N.C.

MO: Killed robbery/kidnap victims

VICTIMS: Six

DISPOSITION: Martin condemned + 31–61 years in MO: Bludgeoned a male acquaintance to steal his car; Pa., 1994; King condemned + 34–68 years in Pa., massacred a family of five when the car broke down 1994

near their home

DISPOSITION: On July 28, 2000, Lippard received Mazikane, Lazarus Tshidiso (1973–); Motshegwa, four consecutive life terms on

four counts of first-Kaizer (1973–)

degree murder, plus 18–26 years on one count of SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE-second degree murder; on April 21, 2001, Roache felony

was condemned on two counts and received life

DATE(S): 1993–98 VENUE: Nasrec/Soweto, South

terms on three more

Africa VICTIMS: 51

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MO: Robbed and murdered victims of both sexes; all Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Command-32 female victims were raped, regardless of age; vic-ments

tims include 17 children, aged five to eight (11 of SEX: Mixed RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-them female)

cult

DISPOSITION: Charges against Motshegwa dismissed DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Uganda VICTIMS:

on grounds of terminal illness; at trial he testified 979+

against Mazikane and denied any wrongdoing;

MO: Cult murders of numerous victims buried in mass Mazikane convicted on 74 felony counts, including graves at several sites; victims hacked, strangled, and 16 murders; received 17 life terms plus 738 years for poisoned

other felonies on Dec. 3, 2003

DISPOSITION: Unknown

McCrary, Sherman Ramon (1925–88), Carolyn Eliza-Munoz, Jose (1970–); Romero, Orlando Gene beth (1928–), Danny Sherman (1952–); Taylor, (1968–); Self, Christopher (1971–)

Carl Robert (1938–), Ginger McCrary (1949–) SEX: 3 M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: 3 M/2 F RACE: W TYPE: N

DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Riverside County, Calif.

MOTIVE: CE/Sex.

VICTIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1971–72 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-

MO: Shot male victims in robberies

TIMS: 22 suspected

DISPOSITION: Romero and Self condemned on three MO: Nomadic criminal family subsisting by armed counts, 1995; life term for Munoz on plea bargain robbery; also kidnapped/raped/murdered female

holdup victims

“Murder, Inc.”

DISPOSITION: Sherman sentenced to life terms in SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Colo. and Tex. (suicide by hanging in Colo. prison, DATE(S): 1931–40 VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-Oct. 9, 1988); consecutive life terms for Carl in TIMS: 1,000 est.

Colo., Tex. and Fla.; Carolyn served two years in MO: “Enforcement” arm of national crime syndicate; Colo. as accessory to murder (died of natural causes dispatched contract killers nationwide from New after parole); Ginger turned state’s evidence to York City

escape prosecution for murder, serving eight years in DISPOSITION: Exposed by gunman ABRAHAM RELES,

Colo. for check fraud; Danny sentenced to life on 1940; seven killers executed in N.Y., 1941–42; sev-two counts in Tex., 1973 (paroled 1983); 12-year eral others sentenced to long prison terms; larger sentence in Tex. for parole violation and child crime syndicate undamaged

molestation, 1986

Murphy, Hugh Leonard Thompson (1952–82), et al.

Millardo, José (d. 1864) AKA: Apache Joe; Sepul-AKA: Shankill Butchers

veda, Anton (d. 1869)

SEX: 12 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-

SEX: Two M RACE: H TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

extremist

DATE(S): 1840s–60s VENUE: Rocky Mountains

DATE(S): 1972–82 VENUE: Belfast, North Ireland VICTIMS: 100+

VICTIMS: 34

MO: “Mountain men” and prolific killers of Indians; MO: Sectarian torture-slayers of Catholic victims cho-tally unk., but Sepulveda bragged of killing 26 to sen at random; others killed in bombings and dri-avenge Millardo’s death, 1864–69

veby shootings

DISPOSITION: Both killed by Indians in separate DISPOSITION: Murphy executed Nov. 16, 1982, as a battles

result of ironic collaboration between Catholic and Protestant guerrillas; 11 other gang members

Miller, James William (1938–); Worrell, Christopher received 42 life terms in series of trials, 1977–79

Robin (1954–77)

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Musa, Bilal (1966–); Ibrahim, Susan (1969–) DATE(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Adelaide, Australia

SEX: M/F RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-

VICTIMS: Seven

felony

MO: Bisexual lovers who stabbed young women after DATE(S): 1994–98 VENUE: Jordan VICTIMS: 12

sex

MO: Husband-wife team who posed as journalists or DISPOSITION: Worrell killed in car crash, Feb. 19, vendors to enter homes, then robbed and killed the 1977; Miller sentenced to life on six counts, 1980

occupants

DISPOSITION: Musa condemned on seven counts,

MO: Shot robbery victims of both sexes, age 16–78

executed Dec. Dec. 7, 2000; Ibrahim condemned on DISPOSITION: Life sentence for both on one count one count, commuted to life sentence on appeal

“Quantrill’s raiders”

Nash, Glenn (1925–); Freshwater, Margo (1948–) SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 1861–65 VENUE: Kans./Mo./Tex./Ky.

DATE(S): 1966 VENUE: Tenn./Miss./Fla. VIC-

VICTIMS: 700+

TIMS: Three

MO: Group of “irregulars” led by WILLIAM QUANTRILL

MO: Mentally unbalanced attorney and his teenage during Civil War; robbed/raped/murdered citizens of client-lover who embarked on a tristate crime spree, both sides

shooting victims in armed robberies

DISPOSITION: 70+ members killed in battle or exe- DISPOSITION: Nash was ruled insane by courts in cuted; many survivors pursued postwar careers of three states, confined to a psychiatric hospital until robbery and murder

1983; Freshwater received a 99-year term on one count, in Tennessee, but escaped from prison in Ramone, Merle (1974–); Apachito, Lyle (1983–); October 1970; she remained at large until May

Scatero, Dion (1983–)

2002, when she was captured in Ohio and returned to prison

SEX: 3 M RACE: NA TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

felony

Nicklasson, Allen L. (1972–); Skillicorn, Dennis J.

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Albuquerque, N. Mex.

(1960–)

VICTIMS: Two

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

MO: Killed victims in armed robberies

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Mo./Ariz. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Apachito and Scatero pled guilty on Three

reduced charges, May 25, 2003; Ramone convicted MO: Shot robbery victims

on two murder counts, June 17, 2003; all received DISPOSITION: Both condemned on one count, in Mo.

life terms on Aug. 22, 2003

Okpara, Odoh, et al.

Ray, David Parker (1939–); Hendy, Cindy Lee SEX: 31 M/2 F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC

(1959–); Yancy, Dennis Roy (1972–)

DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Neke, Nigeria VIC-

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

TIMS: 36+

DATE(S): 1996–99 VENUE: Elephant Butte, N. Mex.

MO: Police investigating ritual murders seized 36
VICTIMS: 14+ alleged
human skulls in raids on cult shrines, arresting 33
MO: Kidnapped and sexually abused women in a pri-magic practitioners; press reports state that "only vate torture chamber; Hendy accused Ray of 14
strangers are sacrificed" to local deities
murders; Ray also suspected of killing male
DISPOSITION: Defendants charged with unlawful
coworker in Arizona, in 1988; Yancy confessed
possession of human remains; trial results unre-strangling a 22-year-old woman in the torture cham-ported
ber
DISPOSITION: Yancy pleaded guilty on one count of Orji, Clifford (?–); Tahiru (?–) second-degree murder and received a 20-year senSEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-non-
tence, December 1999; Hendy received a 36-year specific
DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Lagos, Nigeria VIC-
term as Ray's accomplice, May 12, 2000; Ray
TIMS: Several
received a 224-year sentence for abducting and tor-MO: Cannibals arrested in the act of cooking a mur-turing two women in 1996 and 1999, Sept. 20,
dered woman at their home beneath an urban
2001; Ray's daughter Glenda received two and a bridge; remains of other victims found at the scene half years as accomplice to her father, December DISPOSITION: Unknown
2001
Penn, Thomas Lee (1948–), William (1941–) Reserve Police Battalion 101
SEX: Two M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-
SEX: 550M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-
felony
extremist
DATE(S): 1966 VENUE: Richmond, Va. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1942–43 VENUE: Poland VICTIMS:
Six confessed

38,000+

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MO: Mobile Nazi murder squad operating as “police”; life term plus 20 years on two murder counts, plus casualty figures represent bare minimum officially assorted lesser charges, August 2003

acknowledged

DISPOSITION: Two executed and two imprisoned for Sims, Mitchell Carlton (1960–); Padgett, Ruby Car-3–8 years, 1958; five more imprisoned for 5–8 years, olyn (1965–) AKA: The Killing Team

1968; six others convicted without being sentenced; SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad./CE

additional cases dismissed

DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: S.C./Calif. VICTIMS: Three MO: Torture-slayers of Domino’s Pizza employees in Romano, John Joseph (1958–2002); Woodruff, David robberies

Wayne (1959–2002)

DISPOSITION: Sims condemned in both Calif. and SEX: 2 M RACE: 2H TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC

S.C.; Padgett imprisoned

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Oklahoma City, Okla.

VICTIMS: Two

Smith, Harold Glenn (1966–); Cravey, Michael Gene MO: Fatally stabbed a 52-year-old jeweler during rob-

(1967–); Rivera, Shannon (1969–); Tosh, Mar-bery and a 63-year-old personal acquaintance

tin Wayne (1969–); Trimmer, John-Michael DISPOSITION: Romano executed Jan. 29, 2002;

Alexander (?–)

Woodruff executed Jan. 31, 2002

SEX: 4 M/1 F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-

cult

Ruiz, Paul (1948–97); Denton, Earl Van (1950–97) DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS:

SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Four suspected

DATE(S): 1977 VENUE: Ark. VICTIMS: Six

MO: Satanists who committed sadistic human sacrifice MO: Escaped convicts; shot male victims while at large DISPOSITION: Life term for Smith on one count, DISPOSITION: Both condemned, 1980; both executed 1986; 60 years for Trimmer, 1986; life term for Jan. 8, 1997

Cravey, 1987; 25 years for Tosh, 1987; 15 years for Rivera, 1987

Sach, Amelia (1873–1902); Walters, Annie (d. 1902) SEX: 2 F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Spesivtsev, Sasha (1970–); Spesivtsev, Lyudmilla (?–) DATE(S): 189?–1902 VENUE: London, England

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

VICTIMS: "Numerous"

DATE(S): 1991–97 VENUE: Novosibirsk, Siberia

MO: "Baby farmers" who killed infants of unwed VICTIMS: 80 alleged

mothers

MO: Mother-son cannibal team; Sasha raped/killed DISPOSITION: Hanged together, 1902

underage girls to "cleanse" society; mother lured victims to their apartment and helped him cook/eat Schaeffer, Gerrit C. (?–) wife (?–)

the victims

SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-

DISPOSITION: Sasha ruled insane and committed to domestic

asylum for life, Oct. 4, 1999; Lyudmilla sentenced to DATE(S): 1951–58 VENUE: Rotterdam, Netherland

13 years as accomplice to murder and for forcing VICTIMS: Four

some victims to eat human flesh

MO: Married couple; killed newborn infants at home DISPOSITION: Life sentences for both, 1959

Starkweather, Charles Raymond (1938–59); Fugate, Caril Ann (1943–)

Sifrit, Benjamin (1978–); Sifrit, Erika (1978–) SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-nonSEX; M/F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-

specific

felony

DATE(S): 1957–58 VENUE: Nebr./Wyo. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Pa./Md. VICTIMS:

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Three alleged

MO: Teenage thrill killers on Midwest rampage

MO: Husband-wife team who robbed and murdered a DISPOSITION: Starkweather executed in Nebr., June 25, couple in Ocean City, Md.; prime suspects in the 1959; Fugate sentenced to life, 1958 (paroled 1976) slaying of a woman and beating of her boyfriend in Bedford County, Pa.

Taborsky, Joseph L. (1924–); Culombe, Arthur DISPOSITION: Benjamin received a 38-year term on (1923–)

one count of second-degree murder, plus burglary, SEX: 2 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-assault and other charges, July 2003; Eric received a felony

DATE(S): 1951/55 VENUE: Conn. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Ten defendants condemned, June

Seven

2000; five others received life prison terms; one sen-MO: Taborsky killed his first holdup victim in 1951; tenced to 15 years

teamed with Culombe four years later for a series of robbery-murders

Undisclosed

DISPOSITION: Taborsky condemned, 1951; acquitted SEX: 3 M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-at retrial after chief witness went insane; life terms nonspecific

for both, 1956

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Germany VICTIMS: Two

MO: Sons of U.S. soldiers stationed in Germany, aged

“Taxhali Hotel Gang”

14, 17, and 18 at the time of their murder spree in SEX: 5 M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

February 2000; dropped stones on passing cars from highway bridges, killing two persons and injuring DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Lahore, Pakistan VIC-four

TIMS: “Several”

DISPOSITION: All three convicted of murder on Dec.

MO: Gay killers lured men to isolated sites, then mur-22, 2000; received prison terms ranging from seven dered them

to eight and a half years, based on age at time of DISPOSITION: Unknown

murders

Thugs AKA: Sons of Death

Undisclosed

SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-cult

SEX: 4 M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

DATE(S): c. 1250–1852 VENUE: India VICTIMS:

felony

Two to four million

DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: Yunan Province, China

MO: Worshippers of Kali; robbed/murdered male vic-VICTIMS: Nine

tims throughout India, typically strangling and muti-MO: Robbed 10 women, killing nine

lating chosen prey; British authorities claimed DISPOSITION: All executed on June 5, 2001

40,000 victims in 1812 alone; one Thug, Buhram, confessed 931 murders at his 1840 arrest

Undisclosed

DISPOSITION: 4,500 cultists convicted of various SEX: 3 M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-crimes, 1830–48, with 110 condemned for murder; felony

cult allegedly defunct in 1852, although occasional DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Sichuan Province, China

reports of "thuggee" were logged as late as 1867

VICTIMS: 15

MO: Robbed 17 taxis, killing 15 drivers

Tison, Gary Gene (1936–78); Donald (1958–78), Ray-DISPOSITION: All three executed, June 5, 2001

mond (1959–), Ricky (1958–)

SEX: 4 M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

Undisclosed

DATE(S): 1967/78 VENUE: Ariz./Colo. VICTIMS:

SEX: 3 M/1 F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE:
Seven
CE/PC
DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Zhytomyr, Ukraine
MO: Career criminal and convicted cop-killer who VICTIMS: Six
escaped from prison with aid of three sons and fel-MO: Husband and wife, with wife's brother and a low inmate RANDY GREENAWALT, killing seven
male friend, who robbed, tortured, and cannibalized hostages while at large
women in woods outside town; arrested while trying DISPOSITION: Donald killed in shoot-out with police, to collect ransom on their last victim
Aug. 7, 1978; Gary found dead in Ariz. desert, Aug.
DISPOSITION: Charged with six murders and 20+
22, 1978; Raymond and Ricky condemned, 1979
robberies; disposition unknown
(commuted to multiple life terms on appeal, 1992) Undisclosed
Undisclosed
SEX: 30M/F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC
SEX: 16M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Anambra State, Nigeria DATE(S): 1996–98 VENUE: Jinzhong, China VIC-VICTIMS: 50+
TIMS: 28
MO: Police raids on local magic shrines in August MO: Gang murdered migrant workers and concealed 2004 reveal 20 human skulls and 50 corpses, many corpses in staged mine cave-ins; collected $62,000 in with genitals and other "magic" organs missing fraudulent life insurance claims
DISPOSITION: Unknown

Wardlaw, Virginia (?–?); Martin, Caroline Wardlaw (d.
MO: Black racist cult; alleged victims include cult 1913); Sneyd, Mary Wardlaw (?–?)
defectors and opponents, "white devils" killed at SEX: 3 F RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE

random, and at least two children dead from

DATE(S): 1900s VENUE: South U.S. VICTIMS:

abuse/neglect within cult

Three

DISPOSITION: Member ROBERT ROZIER confessed

MO: Sisters who killed family members for insurance multiple murders in Fla.; Yahweh and six disciples DISPOSITION: Mary acquitted at trial; Virginia died convicted on federal conspiracy charges, 1992

in jailhouse hunger strike; Catherine ruled insane, died in asylum, 1913

Young, Robert (d. 1980); Wright, Blanche (1959–) SEX: M/F RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./CE

Wells, Roland (1971–); Wells, Angela (1972–) DATE(S): 1974/80 VENUE: New York City VIC-SEX: M/F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

TIMS: Four

felony

MO: Young raped/killed female burglary victim; on DATE(S): 1997–2001 VENUE: Peoria, Ill. VIC-parole, teamed with Wright as contract killers TIMS: Three suspected

DISPOSITION: Young killed in shootout with

MO: Husband-wife team who killed a 20-year-old intended victim, Feb. 1980; Wright drew 18 years acquaintance for his $1,800 tax refund check; in to life on one count + 15 years to life for two addi-prison, Roland confessed the murder of another man tional murders

in 1997; suspected of a third man's death in 1998

DISPOSITION: Angela pleaded guilty and turned

Zhang Jun, et al.

state's evidence on Oct. 29, 2001, receiving a 40SEX: 10 M/4 F RACE: A TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE-

year sentence; Roland convicted on her testimony felony

and sentenced to life imprisonment

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: China VICTIMS: 28

MO: Criminal gang that killed 28 victims in 20+ armed Yahweh Ben Yahweh (1935–) et al. AKA: Hebrew robberies; female gang members were all lovers of Israelites

leader Zhang Jun; one confessed killing a man to SEX: ?M/?W RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-prove her love

cult

DISPOSITION: All executed in May 2001

DATE(S): 1981–90 VENUE: Fla./Ill./Mich./N.J.

VICTIMS: 25+ suspected

Unknown AKA: “Servant Girl Annihilator”

Unknown

SEX: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATES: 1884–85 VENUE: Austin, Tex. VICTIMS: 8

DATE(S): 1888–89 VENUE: London, England VIC-

MO: Police and reporters credited one unknown killer TIMS: Two

for the Ripper-style murders of six blacks and two MO: Mutilation-slayer of women, presumed prostitutes, whites. Despite the killer’s nickname, not all victims whose torsos were found in or near the Thames

were servants—or females

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

Sex./Sad.

Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1889 VENUE: Nicaragua VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1885 VENUE: Moscow, Russia VIC-

“Several”

TIMS: “Several”

MO: “Ripper” of prostitutes

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DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown AKA: Jack the Strangler

Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
Sex./Sad.
Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1894/1903 VENUE: Denver, Colo. VIC-
DATE(S): 1887 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: "Several"
TIMS: Four
MO: "Ripper" of black prostitutes
MO: Strangled/bludgeoned prostitutes
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: Servant Girl Annihilator
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1884–85 VENUE: Austin, Tex. VIC-
DATE(S): 1904–10 VENUE: Cumminsville, Ohio
TIMS: Eight
VICTIMS: Five
MO: Home invader who attacked nine victims, killing MO: Women bludgeoned to death
seven women and one man; axes used in all but one DISPOSITION: Unsolved
case, where an 11-year-old girl was raped and
stabbed in the ear with an iron bar
Unknown AKA: Shotgun Man
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1910–11 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
MO: Newborn infants drowned in Hudson River
TIMS: 15
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Unidentified "Black Hand" assassin
DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1921 VENUE: Austria VICTIMS: Six
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Hikers missing, presumed murdered in separate DATE(S): 1910–46 VENUE: Northwest Territories, incidents
Canada VICTIMS: 10+
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Trappers/prospectors beheaded in Nahanni Valley DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-domes-
Unknown
tic?
SEX: Unk. RACE: W TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1921–22 VENUE: Cleveland, Ohio VIC-
DATE(S): 1911 VENUE: Lancaster, England VIC-
TIMS: Five
TIMS: Three
MO: Alleged “black widow” slayer of husbands/chil-MO: Members of Bingham family poisoned at home dren
DISPOSITION: Family member acquitted; unsolved DISPOSITION: Unknown; files “lost”; no media follow-up
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC-extrem-
Unknown
ist
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1911–12 VENUE: Tex./La. VICTIMS: 49
DATE(S): 1922 VENUE: Warsaw, Poland VIC-
MO: Home invader slaughters black families with ax TIMS: 11
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Mutilation-slayer of women found in nearby woods
Unknown AKA: Jack the Ripper
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1911–12 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VIC-
Unknown AKA: Headless Murders
TIMS: 20
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Mutilation-slayer of black women, some prostitutes DATE(S): 1924–39 VENUE: Lawrence County, Pa.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
VICTIMS: Five+
Unknown
MO: Victims beheaded, dumped in local "murder
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sad.?
swamp"
DATE(S): 1911–12 VENUE: Colo. VICTIMS: Four
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; possible link to Cleveland's to seven
"MAD BUTCHER"
MO: Women bludgeoned in Denver and Colorado
Springs
Unknown AKA: Toledo Clubber
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1925–26 VENUE: Toledo, Ohio VIC-
Unknown AKA: Jack the Ripper
TIMS: Five or six
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Women bludgeoned and raped
DATE(S): 1915 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Two
MO: Mutilation-slayer of five-year-old girl and four-Unknown
year-old boy
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1928–29 VENUE: South Croydon, Eng-
land VICTIMS: Three
Unknown
MO: Members of one family poisoned over time
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Possi-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
ble “BABY FARMING
DATE(S): 1915
VENUE: New York City
VIC-
Unknown AKA: 3X
TIMS: 14
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
456
Appendix C: Unresolved Cases
DATE(S): 1930 VENUE: Queens, N.Y. VICTIMS:
MO: Weekend passengers shoved from moving trains Two
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Men shot in lover’s lane attacks; one woman raped; letters to the press hint at international politi-Unknown
cal intrigue
SEX: F RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1949–52 VENUE: Somersworth, N.H.
VICTIMS: Four

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Unknown
MO: Mummified newborns found in suitcase, 1982
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unnamed female suspect deceased
DATE(S): 1930 VENUE: Mexico City VICTIMS:
Five
Unknown
MO: Male victims apparently hanged, then buried on SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
Pachuca Road
DATE(S): 1950s VENUE: Adelaide, Australia VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Three
MO: Skeletal remains of infants found under house in **Unknown** AKA: Mad Trapper
2000
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1930–31 VENUE: Ark. VICTIMS: 15
MO: Sportsmen killed at random
Unknown AKA: Atteridgeville Mutilator
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1956 VENUE: Atteridgeville, South Africa **Unknown**
VICTIMS: Six
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
MO: Young boys castrated, with tongues removed Sex./Sad.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1931–36 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-
TIMS: Seven
Unknown
MO: Rape/torture slayer of females age 10–22
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1956–57 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
Unknown

TIMS: Three
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Slayer of teenage girls; one victim dismembered DATE(S): 1935 VENUE: Berlin, Germany VIC-DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: “Several”
MO: Steel cables strung across highways, causing fatal **Unknown** accidents
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1963–64 VENUE: Cali, Colombia VIC-
TIMS: 10
Unknown
MO: Boys age 10–18 found drained of blood
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1942 VENUE: Hamamatsu City, Japan
VICTIMS: Nine
Unknown
MO: Deaf-mutes killed between Oct. and Dec.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE?
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1965–66 VENUE: Columbus, Ohio VIC-
TIMS: Three
Unknown (Town Hospital)
MO: Three men shot, two in apparent robberies
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1944–47 VENUE: Macon, France VIC-
TIMS: 17
Unknown (Riverdell Hospital)
MO: Female patients killed with lethal injections SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1965–66 VENUE: Oradell, N.J. VIC-
TIMS: Nine
Unknown
MO: Patients killed with curare injections

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; Dr. Mario Jascalevich
DATE(S): 1948 VENUE: Sweden VICTIMS: Four
acquitted, 1978

Unknown
MO: Victims killed on/near dates of astrological signifi-SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
cance
DATE(S): 1965–66 VENUE: Monmouth/Ocean
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
counties, N.J. VICTIMS: Six
MO: Lust murders of victims age five to 44, both sexes **Unknown** AKA: Death Angels
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: Cult/PC-
extremist
Unknown
DATE(S): 1969–?? VENUE: Calif. (and beyond?)
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
VICTIMS: 64+ by 1974
DATE(S): 1967–69 VENUE: London, Ontario VIC-
MO: Black racist cult, kills whites at random to earn TIMS: Three to five
"wings"
MO: Murders of unnamed women linked in official DISPOSITION: Four prospects convicted of "ZEBRA"
reports
murders
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: Truckstop Killer
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1969–92 VENUE: Eastern USA VIC-
DATE(S): 1967–69 VENUE: London, Ontario VIC-

TIMS: 27+

TIMS: 10

MO: Stalker of truckstop hookers and stranded female MO: Rape-murders of women linked by crime scene motorists

evidence

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; probably involves several DISPOSITION: Unsolved

killers

Unknown AKA: Four P Movement or Four Pi **Unknown** (Salem Veterans Medical Center) SEX: Mixed RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Cult

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1967–?? VENUE: USA nationwide VIC-

DATE(S): 1970s VENUE: Roanoke, Va. VICTIMS:

TIMS: “Numerous”

Three reported

MO: Satanic cult practitioners of human sacrifice; MO: Skeletal remains of missing patients found on alleged to deal narcotics and “snuff” films; accept hospital grounds, 1992

murder contracts

DISPOSITION: Results of investigation unreported DISPOSITION: Confessed member STANLEY BAKER

convicted of murder in Mont., 1970; links to MAN-Unknown AKA: Maxwell’s Silver Hammer

SON “FAMILY”; confessed member DAVID BERKOWITZ

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Cult

convicted of six N.Y. murders, 1978; alleged mem-DATE(S): 1970–?? VENUE: Santa Barbara, Calif.

ber WILLIAM MENTZER convicted of one Calif. mur-VICTIMS: Five

der, 1991; other cultists still at large

MO: Campers stabbed/hacked to death on beach by robed attackers

Unknown AKA: Bible John

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; cult name revealed by MANSEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SON “FAMILY”

DATE(S): 1968–69 VENUE: Glasgow, Scotland

VICTIMS: Three

Unknown

MO: Women picked up at dance halls and strangled SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1970–86 VENUE: Wildwood, N.J. VIC-

TIMS: Three

Unknown

MO: Rape-murders of women, bodies left under local SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

boardwalk

DATE(S): 1969 VENUE: Conn./N.Y. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Three

MO: Young girls bludgeoned; at least one raped **Unknown**

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1971 VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-

Unknown

TIMS: 10

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: PC

MO: Gay men stabbed/slashed in their homes

DATE(S): 1969–73 VENUE: Calif. VICTIMS: 15

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; photo of suspect unidentified

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Suspect Michael Pardue convicted on SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC/CE

basis of coerced confession, 1973; murder charges DATE(S): 1971–72 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-subsequently dropped, though Pardue continues

TIMS: Six

serving life term for a 1987 escape. Murders

MO: Black men robbed/shot, apparently by several unsolved.

offenders

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Seven
DATE(S): 1971–76 VENUE: Tex. Gulf coast VIC-
MO: “Ripper” of gay males
TIMS: 21
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Females age 12–21 killed in three counties, by various means
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1973–74 VENUE: Gallup, N.Mex. VIC-
Unknown AKA: Alphabet Murders
TIMS: Three
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Navajo men beaten/slashed to death in separate DATE(S): 1971–73 VENUE: Rochester, N.Y. VIC-attacks
TIMS: Three
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Young Catholic girls with matching initials killed DISPOSITION: Unsolved; KENNETH BIANCHI sus-Unknown
pected, not charged
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1973–77 VENUE: Zephyrhills, Fla. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Eight
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Prostitutes and strippers killed; details withheld DATE(S): 1972–75 VENUE: Northern Calif. VIC-by police
TIMS: 14
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Slayer of females age 12–22, mostly
strangled/smothered
Unknown AKA: Highway murders
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE:
Sex./Sad.
Unknown

DATE(S): 1973–81 VENUE: Western Canada VIC-
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: 28 suspected
DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Prince Georges County, Md.
MO: Women (and one transvestite) killed along Trans-VICTIMS: Five
Canada Highway.
MO: Black women from Washington, D.C., sodomized DISPOSITION: Unsolved
and murdered
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1973–80 VENUE: New South Wales, Aus-
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
tralia VICTIMS: 20
DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Mich. VICTIMS: “At least
MO: Backpackers and hitchhikers missing
20”
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police deem cases unrelated MO: Prostitutes murdered; details withheld by police to convicted killer IVAN MILAT
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: The Family
Unknown
SEX: 9M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1973–83 VENUE: Adelaide, Australia
DATE(S): 1973 VENUE: Mobile/Baldwin Counties,
VICTIMS: More than five
Ala. VICTIMS: Three
MO: Alleged gang of homosexual men who kidnapped, MO: Shotgun slayings of gas station attendants in raped, and tortured 200 male victims, killing at least holdups
five, aged 14–25

DISPOSITION: Alleged “Family” member Bevan

Unknown

Spencer Von Einem convicted of murdering a 15-

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

year-old boy, sentenced to 36 years without parole DATE(S): 1975 VENUE: Southern Fla. VICTIMS:

in 1984; other cases remain unsolved

Five

MO: Women kidnapped after killer disabled their cars **Unknown**

in mall parking lots

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1973–2001 VENUE: Auxerre, France

VICTIMS: 17–30

Unknown AKA: Ottawa Valley Killer

MO: Young women murdered and missing; most were SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-felony

mentally handicapped

DATE(S): 1975–87 VENUE: Ottawa Valley, Ontario DISPOSITION: Unsolved

VICTIMS: Six

MO: Victims slain in home-invasion robberies, with **Unknown**

houses burned to hide evidence; the dead include SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

four men, aged 48–71 and two women aged 59

DATE(S): 1974 VENUE: Rawlins, Wyo. VICTIMS:

and 83

Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; rape-slayer Ronald Glenn MO: Girls age 10–19 vanish from local rodeo; one West suspected but never charged

found bludgeoned

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown AKA: San Mateo Slasher

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

Unknown

Sex./Sad.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1976 VENUE: San Mateo County, Calif.

VICTIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1974 VENUE: St. Louis, Mo. VICTIMS:
MO: “Ripper” of young brunette women
Four
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; suspect jailed for rape, MO: Victims kidnapped/shot after store robberies paroled 1981
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: The Babysitter
Unknown AKA: The Doodler
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Oakland County, Mich.
DATE(S): 1974–75 VENUE: San Francisco, Calif.
VICTIMS: Four to seven
VICTIMS: 14
MO: Killed children of both sexes; molested male vic-MO: “Ripper” of gay men
tims
DISPOSITION: Allegedly identified, but never charged DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC-
SEX: M RACE: W. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
mercy?
DATE(S): 1976–77 VENUE: Washington County, Pa.
DATE(S): 1975 VENUE: Ann Arbor, Mich. VIC-
VICTIMS: Five
TIMS: 11
MO: Young women strangled/beaten after rape
MO: Patients killed in VA hospital
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved (two nurses convicted, freed on appeal)
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown AKA: Bigfoot
DATE(S): 1976–78 VENUE: New Haven, Conn.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: Four+
DATE(S): 1975 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VICTIMS:
MO: Targets black women, including at least three Seven
prostitutes
MO: Women (mostly prostitutes) raped and blud-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
geoned in Cass Corridor area; UNSUB (police jar-gon for "Unknown Subject") nicknamed for large **Unknown** AKA: I-35 murders
footprints
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1976–81 VENUE: Tex. VICTIMS: 22
Unknown
MO: Victims of both sexes killed along Interstate SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
Highway 35
DATE(S): 1977–80 VENUE: Scotland VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; several cases blamed on Seven
HENRY LUCAS
MO: DNA evidence links cases of female victims aged 17–36 raped, beaten, and strangled in Edinburgh **Unknown**
and Glasgow
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1976–85 VENUE: Butler County, Ohio
VICTIMS: Four
Unknown
MO: Women aged 18–41 strangled; DNA evidence
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
links the crimes; police blame unspecified "other DATE(S): 1977–93 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. area VIC-murders" on the same unknown killer, spanning
TIMS: Eight

Butler and Hamilton Counties during 1977–82

MO: Seven girls, age two to 14, and one eight-year-old DISPOSITION: Unsolved

boy murdered

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown AKA: East Area Rapist

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1976–86 VENUE: California VICTIMS:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

10 killed, 40+ raped

DATE(S): 1978–79 VENUE: Newcastle, Australia

MO: Raped 40+ victims in Northern California home VICTIMS: Four

invasions, 1976–78; DNA links the rapist to four MO: Female victims aged 14–20 missing

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

murders in Southern California during 1978 and six more in the period 1980–86

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE:

Sex./Sad.

Unknown AKA: Ironman

DATE(S): 1978–79 VENUE: La./Miss. VICTIMS:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Three

DATE(S): late 1970s VENUE: Atteridgeville, South MO: Male victims aged 17–22 hog-tied to strangle in Africa VICTIMS: Seven

fetal positions; DNA evidence links the cases

MO: Nocturnal strollers bludgeoned with iron bar DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown AKA: Hammer Group

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.?

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1978–84 VENUE: England VICTIMS:

DATE(S): late 1970s VENUE: Lahore, Pakistan
Seven to 13
VICTIMS: 17
MO: Children of both sexes killed; “at least seven”
MO: Bludgeon murders of 17 night watchmen
cases linked
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: T
MOTIVE:
DATE(S): 1976–95 VENUE: Oklahoma City VIC-
Unk.
TIMS: Four to five
DATE(S): 1979 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS:
MO: Women dismembered
Four
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Three women beheaded; boyfriend of one victim shot
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1977 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VICTIMS:
Unknown (Good Samaritan Hospital)
Three
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Couples shot in lover’s lane attacks
DATE(S): 1979–80 VENUE: Downer’s Grove, Ill.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
VICTIMS: Two

MO: Elderly women killed by insulin injection

MO: Street murders of black women, including some DISPOSITION: Nurse suspended without charges;
prostitutes
unsolved
DISPOSITION: Conflicting confessions of two suspects leave at least 13 cases unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1979–80 VENUE: Mandurah, Australia
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-
VICTIMS: Three
felony
MO: Mutilation-murders of two young women; 12-
DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: Dorchester County, S.C.
year-old girl missing
VICTIMS: Three
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Male gas station employees abducted/shot after holdups
Unknown AKA: Lewiston Valley Killer
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1979–82 VENUE: Idaho/Wash. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Five
SEX: Three M RACE: H TYPE: T MOTIVE:
MO: Three victims dismembered and two missing
CE/Sad.
between Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Wash.; DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-victims include three young women, one girl, and TIMS: Three reported
one man
MO: Victims stabbed after surrendering money in DISPOSITION: Unsolved
holdups
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown

Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1979–82
VENUE: Ohio
VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: Buffalo, N.Y. VICTIMS:
Eight
Two
MO: Four young couples killed while out on dates MO: Black taxi drivers found with hearts excised DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER sus-
pected
Unknown AKA: Original Nightstalker
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
Unknown
Sex./Sad.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1979–84 VENUE: Orange and Ventura
DATE(S): 1980–81 VENUE: Jesup, Ga. VICTIMS:
Counties, Calif. VICTIMS: 10
Four
MO: Victims, usually couples, bludgeoned during MO: Unexplained deaths of half-siblings with same home invasions; female victims raped; crimes linked father
by DNA evidence
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-
DATE(S): 1980–82 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VIC-
cult
TIMS: Seven+
DATE(S): 1980s VENUE: Yunguyo, Peru VIC-
MO: Black women stabbed repeatedly after sex

TIMS: “Numerous”
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Seasonal human sacrifices; victims painted/mutilated
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
Sex./Sad.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1980–83 VENUE: Adelaide, Australia
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
VICTIMS: Six
Sex./Sad.
MO: Sex slayer of teenage males; two victims dismem-DATE(S): 1980 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VICTIMS:
bered
18
DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown AKA: I-10 Killer
DATE(S): early 1980s VENUE: Lahore, Pakistan
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: 10
DATE(S): 1980–90 VENUE: United States VICTIMS: MO: Night watchmen killed with lethal injections 20
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Female prostitutes and hitchhikers buried in shallow graves along Interstate Highway 10, between **Unknown**
California and Florida
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: N
MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police suspect long-haul DATE(S): 1981–86 VENUE: Utah/Pa./Conn. VIC-trucker
TIMS: Three
MO: Young men shot; genitals severed and missing **Unknown**

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1980–98 VENUE: County Wicklow, Ire-
Unknown
land VICTIMS: Six to nine
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Six women aged 17–26 missing within a 30-mile DATE(S): 1981–1999 VENUE: Ohio/Pa. VICTIMS:
area, 1995–98; police theorize links to three rape-27
murders of women aged 23–30 in same region
MO: Female prostitutes, 21 black and six white, killed between 1980 and 1992.
and dumped nude along isolated roads between
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Geauga County, Ohio, and Crawford County, Pa.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. VIC-
DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: Hollywood, Calif. VIC-
TIMS: Three
TIMS: Two
MO: Murder of black females, age 13–30; at least one MO: Teenage boys strangled, dumped beside Holly-bludgeoned
wood Freeway
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1981 VENUE: Oklahoma City, Ok. VIC-
DATE(S): 1980s–2002 VENUE: Northwest Territo-
TIMS: Four
ries, Canada VICTIMS: 78

MO: Girls age 13–16 vanished from Okla. State Fair MO: Murdered and missing women, cases jointly

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

investigated by Project Kare

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1981–82 VENUE: Richland, Ga. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: Toronto, Canada VIC-

MO: Teenage girls abducted/killed by nocturnal home TIMS: Four

invader

MO: Rape-slayer of women age 19–38

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1981–83 VENUE: Salem, Ore. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

Six

Five

MO: Random murders of females age nine to 32; at MO: Women age 21–41 strangled; at least one raped least three shot

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Undisclosed TYPE: T MOTIVE:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unk.

DATE(S): 1982 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-

DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: New York City VIC-
TIMS: Two killed
TIMS: Seven
MO: Random street shootings
MO: Adult males shot with same weapon in/around DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Pennsylvania Railroad Station in apparently random attacks
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1982–83 VENUE: Battle Creek, Mich.
Unknown
VICTIMS: Three
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Young women murdered; police suspect Satanists DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Portland, Ore. VIC-DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Four
MO: Stalker of black prostitutes
Unknown AKA: Prostitute Hunter
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
Sex./Sad.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1982–83 VENUE: Lisbon, Portugal VIC-
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1983–91 VENUE: San Francisco area
MO: Torture-slayer of young female prostitutes VICTIMS: Five
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Girls age four to 13 abducted and murdered DISPOSITION: Unsolved (suspect named, but not
Unknown AKA: Mad Killers of Brabant
charged)
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-
Unknown AKA: Great Basin Killer
felony
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE:

DATE(S): 1982–85 VENUE: Brabant, Belgium VIC-
Sex./Sad.
TIMS: 28
DATE(S): 1983–97 VENUE: Idaho/Nev./Utah/Wyo.
MO: Holdup gang; victims killed in supermarket rob-VICTIMS: “At least nine”
beries
MO: Female motorists and hitchhikers stripped, raped, DISPOSITION: Unsolved
and murdered in patterns of “overkill”; several shot repeatedly with small-caliber firearms; many corpses **Unknown**
ritually posed near highways
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1982–89 VENUE: N.Mex./Mnt./Okla./Ala.
VICTIMS: Four
Unknown
MO: Roman Catholic priests abducted and murdered SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: T
MOTIVE:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unk.
DATE(S): 1983–2004 VENUE: Edmonton, Canada
Unknown
VICTIMS: 18+
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Female prostitutes murdered and missing
DATE(S): 1982–92 VENUE: Ontario, Canada VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Six
MO: Women killed, dumped in rural lover’s lanes **Unknown**
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Ft. Worth, Tex. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Five

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?

MO: Females age 15–23 abducted/killed; at least one DATE(S): 1983–84 VENUE: Alameda County, Calif.

shot

VICTIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Teenage girls murdered

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown (Prince Georges Hospital)

SEX: Unk.

RACE: Unk.

TYPE: S

MOTIVE:

Unknown AKA: .25-caliber Killer; Penn Station Unk.

Sniper

DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Prince Georges County, SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Md. VICTIMS: 22–50+

MO: Patients killed with potassium injections

DATE(S): 1985 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; nurse Jane Bolding con-

Two

fessed one murder, then recanted; charges dismissed MO: Older women killed with ax in hotel rooms

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk.

RACE: Unk.

TYPE: T

MOTIVE:

Unknown

Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: El Paso, Tex. VIC-

DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Queens, N.Y. VIC-

TIMS: Three
TIMS: Three
MO: Taxi drivers killed (one) or missing (two) MO: Hispanic gay males robbed/beaten/strangled in DISPOSITION: Unsolved
their homes
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Montreal, Canada
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
VICTIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Salt Lake City, Utah
MO: Boys age four to 12 molested, then stabbed, VICTIMS: Three
beaten, or drowned
MO: Women in their 20s killed stabbed and shot DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown (Gilmore Lane Convalescent Hospital) **Unknown**
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1984–85 VENUE: Oroville, Calif. VIC-
DATE(S): 1985–86 VENUE: Honolulu, Hawaii
TIMS: 49 suspected
VICTIMS: 5
MO: “Suspicious” deaths of elderly patients
MO: Rape-strangler of women
DISPOSITION: Results of investigation unpublished; DISPOSITION: Unsolved
no charges
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1985–87 VENUE: British
DATE(S): 1984–91 VENUE: Galveston County, Tex.
Columbia/Alberta, Canada VICTIMS: Five

VICTIMS: Six
MO: Murders of female prostitutes and strippers MO: Females aged 16–23 beaten, strangled, and
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
dumped within a one-mile radius
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1985–88 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: 10+
DATE(S): 1984–92 VENUE: Ark./Pa./Tenn./Miss./Ky.
MO: Slayer of females age 19–36, mostly strangled VICTIMS: Six to 12
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; speculative link to “GREEN
MO: Redheaded women strangled/suffocated, dumped RIVER KILLER”
along highways
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
Unknown AKA: Bergie Killings
DATE(S): 1985–90 VENUE: Inkster, Mich. VIC-
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
TIMS: Six
DATE(S): Mid-1980s VENUE: Cape Town, South
MO: Black female prostitutes murdered
Africa VICTIMS: Three+
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Male vagrants shot in alleys with same pistol DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: Snohomish Valley Killer
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1985–93 VENUE: Snohomish County,
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Wash. VICTIMS: 41 suspected

MO: Young women dead and missing, including many **Unknown** AKA: Twin Cities Killer

prostitutes

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; link to “GREEN RIVER” case Sex./Sad.

possible

DATE(S): 1986–94 VENUE: Minneapolis/St. Paul,

Minn. VICTIMS: 34

Unknown

MO: Murders of women, mostly prostitutes; some SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

mutilated

DATE(S): 1985–96 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: 10

MO: Female prostitutes murdered

Unknown AKA: Last Call Killer

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1986–94 VENUE: New York City VIC-

Unknown AKA: Negev Desert Psychopath

TIMS: Six

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

MO: Gay men aged 26–57 lured from New York City DATE(S): 1985–97 VENUE: Negev Desert, Israel

gay bars, murdered, and dismembered; remains

VICTIMS: Nine +

dumped in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut MO: Hikers shot, apparently at random

DISPOSITION: Suspect Richard W. Rogers Jr. charged DISPOSITION: Unsolved

with two of six murders in the series; trial pending at press time

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1985–2004 VENUE: British Columbia,

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

Canada VICTIMS: More than six

DATE(S): 1987 VENUE: London/Colchester, England MO: Six aboriginal women murdered along Highway VICTIMS: Two

16; Native spokesmen accuse police of ignoring 500

MO: Rape-murders of women age 20 and 25

disappearances in 20 years

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: Bell, Calif. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Wiltshire/Portsmouth, En-

Five

gland VICTIMS: Three

MO: Random shootings of homeless men, age 52–66

MO: Strangler of females age 17–36; at least one raped DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1987–88 VENUE: New Orleans, La.

DATE(S): 1986 VENUE: Wiltshire, England VIC-

VICTIMS: Five

TIMS: Three

MO: Women in their twenties strangled or asphyxiated MO: Rape-slayer of women age 24–45

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Cult
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1987–89 VENUE: Mexico VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1986–87 VENUE: Suitland, Md. VIC-
70+
TIMS: Five
MO: Sacrificial murders in Mexico City and Veracruz MO: Young black women raped/stabbed
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown AKA: Colonial Parkway Killer
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1987–91 VENUE: Hartford, Conn. VIC-
DATE(S): 1986–88 VENUE: Virginia VICTIMS: Eight TIMS: 11
MO: Abducts/kills couples from lover's lanes
MO: Lust killer of women
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown
MO: Rape-murders of women in their 20s, linked by SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE?
DNA evidence
DATE(S): 1987–91 VENUE: Snohomish County,
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Wash. VICTIMS: Three
MO: Victims dismembered and dumped in rural areas **Unknown**
include a Bulgarian crime boss, a Korean female SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
prostitute, and an unidentified male
DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: San Diego, Calif. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Three
MO: Gay males killed by multiple head shots

Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1987–92 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Six
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Transvestite “drag queens” murdered
DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Three
MO: Women beaten/strangled at three-week intervals **Unknown**
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1987–96 VENUE: London, England VIC-
Unknown AKA: Highway Killer
TIMS: Nine
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: Female prostitutes beaten/strangled
DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: New Bedford, Mass. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Nine to 11
MO: Lust killer of women, mainly prostitutes and drug addicts
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1987–2000 VENUE: Fayetteville, N.C.
Unknown
VICTIMS: 7–12
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Rape-murders of women aged 21–37, most
DATE(S): 1988–89 VENUE: Newcastle, Australia
beaten and strangled; at least seven of the victims VICTIMS: Two were prostitutes
MO: Female prostitutes strangled
DISPOSITION: Unsolved.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): Late 1980s–1999 VENUE: Pittsburgh, Pa.
DATE(S): 1988–90 VENUE: Ft. Wayne, Ind. VIC-
VICTIMS: 12+
TIMS: Two
MO: Rape-murders of drug-addicted prostitutes
MO: "Identical" rape-murders of girls age seven and blamed on one offender
eight
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: Index Killer
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Seattle, Wash. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1988–92 VENUE: Union County, N.J.
Two to five
VICTIMS: Four
MO: Two female prostitutes stabbed in the Index dis-MO: Black female prostitutes killed
trict; two others killed and a missing 14-year-old girl DISPOSITION: Unsolved
last seen with one victim may be linked.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.?
Unknown
DATE(S): 1988–92 VENUE: Fla./Ill./Ky./Minn./Ohio SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: Nine+
DATE(S): 1988 VENUE: Northern Virginia VIC-
MO: Women dismembered in at least five states
TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown AKA: Strangler of Milan

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1988–92 VENUE: Milan, Italy VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

Four+

Four

MO: Female prostitutes stabbed/strangled

MO: Hispanic men bludgeoned, left in trash bags DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Cult?

DATE(S): 1988–93 VENUE: Montreal, Canada

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Fla. Keys VICTIMS: Two

VICTIMS: 11

MO: Women found with hearts excised; apparent rit-MO: “Ripper” of gay males killed in their homes ual murders

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE?

DATE(S): 1988–95 VENUE: Southeastern Va. VIC-

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Ind. VICTIMS: Two

TIMS: 10

MO: Days Inn motel clerks shot with same pistol MO: “Ripper” of gay males

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown AKA: Happy Loving Couples Killer SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Ala./Fla. VICTIMS:

Four

DATE(S): 1988–2000 VENUE: New York City

MO: Couples shot by home invader with same gun VICTIMS: 22–24

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Ritual murders of newlywed couples, with throats and wrists slashed; victims are bound back-to-back **Unknown**

in a seated position, each wearing the other's clothes SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

backward. Police call the 12th crime, in August DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Kansas City, Mo. VIC-2000, a copycat's "pale, uninspired imitation" of the TIMS: Six

other 11 attacks

MO: Slayer of female prostitutes

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Brooklyn, N.Y. VICTIMS:

extremism?

Two

DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Lawrence, Kans. VIC-

MO: Elderly women killed in daylight robberies TIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Native American victims; further details withheld DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Washington, D.C. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1989–90 VENUE: Washington, D.C.
MO: Young female prostitutes shot
VICTIMS: Five
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Slayer of female prostitutes
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1989 VENUE: Princeton, N.J. VICTIMS:
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC
Two
suspected
MO: Women stabbed in apparently random attacks DATE(S): 1989–91 VENUE: Pará State, Brazil VIC-DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: 26

MO: Ritualistic mutilation-murders of boys
DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Oakland, Calif. VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame cultists
TIMS: Two
MO: “Jane Doe” victims dismembered, dumped in
Unknown
Oakland Estuary
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1989–92 VENUE: Monroe County, N.Y.
VICTIMS: Four
Unknown
MO: Slayer of female prostitutes and addicts
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1990–91 VENUE: Woonsocket, R.I. VIC-
TIMS: Three
Unknown

MO: Female prostitutes strangled
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1989\#208>92 VENUE: Rochester, N.Y.
VICTIMS: 14–16

Unknown
MO: Prostitutes murdered and missing
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1990–92 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VIC-

Unknown
TIMS: Two
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE:
MO: Men bound and murdered S/M-style in same
Unk.
vacant house
DATE(S): 1989–99 VENUE:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Fla./Iowa/La./Minn./Wis./Wyo. VICTIMS: Eight

Unknown
MO: Kidnap-murders of females aged 12–52, all with SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
blond shoulder-length hair; four found bludgeoned, DATE(S): 1990–93 VENUE: Stockholm, Sweden
four still missing; five vanished while jogging or VICTIMS: Seven
skating; five kidnapped in proximity to Civil War MO: Gay males killed; details withheld by police battle reenactments
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown AKA: .22-Caliber Killer
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1990–94 VENUE: Lombardy region, Italy DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Spokane, Wash. VIC-VICTIMS: Three
TIMS: Three

MO: Slayer of three-year-old children between Como MO: Female prostitutes shot with .22-caliber pistol and Swiss border
and dumped along the Spokane River
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: Golden Years Killer
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk. Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1990–97 VENUE: Richmond, Va. VIC-
Four to seven
TIMS: 24
MO: Taxi drivers shot by apparent “thrill killer”
MO: Home invader; beat/stabbed women age 55–90
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1990 VENUE: Richmond, Va. VICTIMS:
DATE(S): 1990–97 VENUE: Rome, Italy VICTIMS:
“Several”
19
MO: Black women stabbed
MO: Murders of gay men in their homes
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1990–97 VENUE: Mich. VICTIMS: 20+

Unknown
MO: Murders of female prostitutes
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
extremist?
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Turin, Italy VICTIMS:
Unknown AKA: Eighth Street Killer
Seven
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Blacks stabbed by apparent racist killer
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
31
MO: Black prostitutes murdered
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: 2 M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Porterville, Calif. VIC-
Unknown AKA: Monster of the SS 10
TIMS: Three
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Deliberate hit-and-run attacks on joggers and DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Piedmont region, Italy
bicyclists
VICTIMS: Seven
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Women stabbed/strangled along highway
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown AKA: South-Side Rapist
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE: Cleveland, Ohio VIC-
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
TIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: St. Louis, Mo. VICTIMS:
MO: Arab-American grocers killed in their stores Five to 10 (reports vary)

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Rape-slayer of women
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: N
MOTIVE:
Unknown
Sad.
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1991 VENUE:
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Idaho/Utah/Nev./Wyo.
Ohio/Calif./Va./Md./Pa./Canada VICTIMS: “At
VICTIMS: Eight
least nine”
MO: “Similar” or “identical” murders of women
MO: Victims burned alive in cars; details withheld by DISPOSITION: Unsolved
police
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Aosta, Italy VICTIMS:
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
“Several”
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Union County, N.J.
MO: Female prostitutes murdered
VICTIMS: Eight
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Black women strangled
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Turin, Italy VICTIMS:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
“Numerous”
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Detroit, Mich. VIC-
MO: Slayer of gay men
TIMS: Nine
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Black, drug-addicted prostitutes murdered
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1990s VENUE: Turin, Italy VICTIMS:
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
“Several”
DATE(S): 1991–92 VENUE: Macon, Ga. VIC-
MO: Elderly victims stabbed, one while riding city TIMS: Five
bus
MO: Lust killer of women
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown
Unknown AKA: “Black Magic Murders”
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: T
MOTIVE:
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC
Unk.
suspected
DATE(S): 1991–93 VENUE: Marion County, Fla.
DATE(S): 1991–2002 VENUE: Sáo Luís, Brazil
VICTIMS: 18
VICTIMS: 22
MO: Women killed, dumped in remote areas

MO: Boys castrated, mutilated, sometimes drained of DISPOSITION: Unsolved
blood
DISPOSITION: Conviction of two men in separate **Unknown**
cases failed to stop the killing; human sacrifice sus-SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
pected but unverified
DATE(S): 1991–93 VENUE: Calgary, Canada VIC-
TIMS: Five
Unknown (Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital) MO: Female victims aged 16–29 bludgeoned and
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.
stabbed, dumped on city outskirts; four were prosti-DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Columbia, Mo. VICTIMS:
tutes
48
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Suspicious deaths of male patients, allegedly injected with muscle relaxants
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; nurse Richard Allen
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Williams charged with 10 counts of murder in June DATE(S): 1991–94 VENUE: Kansas City, Mo. VIC-2002; exonerated 14 months later when lab tests TIMS: 10
proved inaccurate
MO: Female victims dumped in Missouri River,
“many” with legs severed
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1992 VENUE: Rostov-on-Don, Russia
Unknown
VICTIMS: 8
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: T

MOTIVE:
MO: Lust killer of women; details withheld by police Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1991–94 VENUE: Bridgeport, Conn.
VICTIMS: Four

Unknown
MO: Adult males dismembered
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Portland, Ore. VIC-
TIMS: Two

Unknown
MO: Random shootings wound three, killing two
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1991–96 VENUE: New Orleans, La.
VICTIMS: 26

Unknown
MO: Women raped, strangled, and dumped in rural SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
areas of several parishes surrounding the city; most DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Denver, Colo. VIC-victims were black prostitutes
TIMS: Four
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; suspect Russell Ellwood, MO: “Ripper” of gay men
once suspected of more than eight murders and
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
charged with two, received a life sentence on one count, Aug. 17, 1999

Unknown
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Unknown
DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE/PC
TIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1991–99 VENUE: Columbus, Ohio VIC-
MO: Black men shot in daylight holdups at their TIMS: 13
homes

MO: Police link 16 shootings (13 fatal) in one east-side DISPOSITION: Unsolved
neighborhood; some cases involved robbery and/or drugs
Unknown AKA: I-70 Killer
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: CE/PC
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DATE(S): 1992–94 VENUE: Ind./Kans./Mo./Tex.
DATE(S): 1992–98 VENUE: Ireland VICTIMS: 12
VICTIMS: Six to 10
MO: Disappearance without a trace of women age MO: Victims shot in petty robberies; all but one female 18–26
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-
DATE(S): 1992/94 VENUE: Milan, Italy VICTIMS:
extremist?
Two
DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-
MO: Elderly women, stabbed, left in open fields TIMS: Three
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Street shootings of black/Hispanic males by white stranger
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1992/94 VENUE: Lombardy region, Italy **Unknown**
VICTIMS: Two
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Men dismembered and left in trash bags in Milan DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Warsaw, Poland VIC-and Novara; both victims found on Feb. 17.
TIMS: Three+
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Women bludgeoned in random attacks

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1992–95 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VIC-

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

TIMS: “Several”

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Chino, Calif. VICTIMS:

MO: Rape-murders of Hispanic females aged 9–21; Five

victims left nude

MO: Black females strangled

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DATE(S): 1992–96 VENUE: Charlotte/Mecklenburg, DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Cairo, Ga. VICTIMS:

Va. VICTIMS: Four

MO: Black women dead or missing; task force organized Two

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Store clerks stabbed in robberies

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown AKA: Lisbon Ripper

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE:

Unknown

Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1992–97 VENUE: Europe VICTIMS: 18

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: St. Louis County, Mo.

alleged

VICTIMS: Two

MO: “Nearly identical” murders of prostitutes in five MO: Girls age nine and 10 beaten to death

nations

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind. VIC-

DATE(S): 1992–97 VENUE: Galveston County, Tex.

TIMS: Two

VICTIMS: Four

MO: Taxi drivers shot in apparent robbery attempts MO: Females aged 17–23 missing and presumed mur-DISPOSITION: Unsolved

dered, cars found abandoned

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1993 VENUE: Waycross, Ga. VICTIMS:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

Three

MO: Teen couple and 40-year-old woman shot with MO: Black women apparently killed at random

.22-cal. weapon

DISPOSITON: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Irving, Tex. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1993–94 VENUE: Turin, Italy VICTIMS:

Three

Three+

MO: Gay men stabbed

MO: Teenage girls murdered or missing

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
DATE(S): 1994 VENUE: Gary, Ind. VICTIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1993–94 VENUE: Washington, D.C.
MO: Police report victims killed, then set on fire VICTIMS: 13
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Same pistol used in multiple shootings
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1994–95 VENUE: Jackson, Miss. VIC-
SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-drugs
TIMS: Four
DATE(S): 1993–94 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind.
MO: Prostitutes strangled after sex
VICTIMS: Three
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Police publicly link multiple shootings
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
Unknown AKA:Pomona Strangler
DATE(S): 1994–96 VENUE: Grand Rapids, Mich.
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
VICTIMS: 11
DATE(S): 1993–95 VENUE: Los Angeles County,
MO: Slayings of nine prostitutes and two “Jane Does”
Calif. VICTIMS: Six
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Strangler of female prostitutes
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1994–97 VENUE: Kent County, Mich.
DATE(S): 1993–95 VENUE: Somerset County, N.J.
VICTIMS: 11
VICTIMS: Five
MO: Lust murders of women, including eight prosti-MO: Female prostitutes murdered
tutes
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown (4)
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
DATE(S): 1993–99 VENUE: England VICTIMS: 14
Sex./Sad.
MO: “Operation Enigma” task force studied 207
DATE(S): 1994–97 VENUE: Maranháo, Brazil
unsolved murders of women from 1986 to 1999,
VICTIMS: Seven
concluding in that four unknown serial killers were MO: Young boys killed, with genital mutilation responsible for “cluster” slayings of 14 women since DISPOSITION: Unsolved
1993 in different parts of England; no further details presently available
Unknown
DISPOSITION: All four cases remain unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
DATE(S): 1994–98 VENUE: Essex County, N.J.
Unknown
VICTIMS: 16
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Murders of black women age 19–37, mostly pros-DATE(S): 1993–2001 VENUE: Bayview, Calif. VIC-
titutes
TIMS: 50
DISPOSITION: Unsolved

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Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

CE/PC

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Greene County, Ind.

DATE(S): 1994–98 VENUE: Albuquerque, N. Mex.

VICTIMS: Five

VICTIMS: Five

MO: Women age 32–88 murdered or missing

MO: Gay men killed by various means, robbed of cash DISPOSITION: Unsolved

and cars; one victim dumped in Iowa; serial murder

"not ruled out"; speculative link to sixth case in **Unknown**

Santa Fe

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1995–97 VENUE: Bothell, Wash. VIC-

TIMS: Two+

Unknown

MO: Unidentified human skeletal remains found near SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

town

DATE(S): 1994–2001 VENUE: Hartford, Conn.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

VICTIMS: 5–11

MO: "Similar" beating deaths of five female transients **Unknown**

aged 28–41, found partly nude; three killed in June SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC

of different years; police say six other murders of alleged

women are "unrelated"

DATE(S): 1995–97 VENUE: Jalpaigur district, India DISPOSITION: Unsolved

VICTIMS: 100+

MO: Infants and young children abducted and mur-Unknown

dered in ritual fashion; 60+ women lynched in retali-SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

ation, suspected of surrendering children to cults DATE(S): 1994–2005 VENUE: Toronto, Ontario

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame Tantric ritual VICTIMS: Four practitioners

MO: Rape-slayer of female prostitutes aged 23–35, bodies discarded in or near Lake Ontario; in 1998

Unknown AKA: Latin Jack the Ripper

police released sketch of white male suspect who SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

assaulted another prostitute in the same area

DATE(S): 1995–98 VENUE: Perpignan, France

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

VICTIMS: Three

MO: Women aged 19 and 22 mutilated near local rail-Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

way station, with wounds resembling those por-

DATE(S): 1995 VENUE: Shoreline, Wash. VIC-

trayed in Salvador Dalí paintings; a 17-year-old TIMS: Two

victim is missing and presumed dead

MO: Female health care workers bound, stabbed, DISPOSITION: Unsolved; suspect in one case released homes set afire

when crimes continued

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown AKA: Nasrec Strangler

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1995–99 VENUE: Chicago, Ill. VIC-

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: South Africa VIC-

TIMS: 6–11

TIMS: 15

MO: DNA evidence links murders of six female prosti-MO: Rape-slayings of women between Johannesburg tutes found in abandoned South Side buildings; in and Soweto

July 1999 police blamed “four predators” for the DISPOSITION: Samuel Mfeka suspected; not charged deaths of 12 local women; three suspects were

charged in one case, in Sept. 1999, but initial reports **Unknown**

of a DNA link in two other cases proved erroneous SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1995–96 VENUE: Las Vegas, Nev. VIC-

TIMS: Three

Unknown

MO: Asian women sealed in plastic bags, buried in SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

desert

DATE(S): 1995–2003 VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

VICTIMS: Four

MO: Suspicious deaths of four children fathered by **Unknown**

same man with different women; two daughters,

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

aged 18 months and five months, asphyxiated

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Perm, Russia VICTIMS:

together in June 1995, ruled homicide without sus-Seven

pects; a three-year-old son allegedly died of SIDS in MO: Rape-slayer of women; at least one stabbed October 2002, followed by a three-month-old son in DISPOSITION: Unsolved

December 2003

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police deny that the father is **Unknown**

a suspect

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Toronto, Canada VIC-

Unknown

TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Prostitutes shot on city streets

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Arlington, Tex. VICTIMS:

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Two

MO: Female teachers raped and strangled at home, left **Unknown** AKA: Prostitute Killer

in bathtubs bound with duct tape; DNA links their SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

killer to a nonfatal rape in Feb. 1999

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Cape Town, South Africa

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

VICTIMS: “About 20”

MO: Slayer of female prostitutes

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Minneapolis, Minn. VIC-

Unknown

TIMS: Three

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

MO: Two prostitutes and one transvestite

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Malden, Mo. VICTIMS:

beaten/stabbed, then burned

Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Two double murders by unknown home invader DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Estonia VICTIMS: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

MO: Police say serial killer “terrorizing” northeast sec-DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Hammond, Ind. VIC-

tion of the country; no details released

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Four

MO: Female prostitutes shot with same gun

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Johannesburg, South Africa **Unknown**
VICTIMS: Two
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
MO: Elementary school teachers killed, posed "identi-DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Md. VICTIMS: Five
cally"
MO: Black gay males stabbed/shot in their homes DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: Werewolf Killer
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC-
DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: India VICTIMS: 16
cult
MO: Children killed/mutilated
DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Siberia, Russia VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Five
MO: Authorities blame satanic cult for
Unknown
suffocation/hangings teen males, described as ritual SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
killings
DATE(S): 1996 VENUE: Toronto, Ontario VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Three
MO: Female prostitutes shot in head with the same gun **Unknown**
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Perth, Australia VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Three

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Women abducted from or near the Continental DATE(S): 1996–99 VENUE: New England VIC-Hotel

TIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Rape-murders of women, dumped nearly nude

along rural highways; first two victims were

Unknown

dropped at Norwich and Waterford, Conn.; the

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

third was abducted in Massachusetts and dumped at DATE(S): 1996–97 VENUE: Brest, Belarus VIC-Vernon, Vt.

TIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Taxi drivers and gas station attendant shot DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1996–99 VENUE: Queensland, Australia

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

VICTIMS: Three

DATE(S): 1996–98 VENUE: Ohio/Ky./Ind. VIC-

MO: Female hikers aged 16–20 kidnapped and murTIMS: 12

dered; police blame “a new IVAN MILAT”

MO: Women of “similar age and appearance” killed in DISPOSITION: Unsolved

tristate area surrounding Cincinnati; 10 counties involved

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS:

Two

Unknown

MO: Girls aged nine and 12 killed and dumped naked SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

in local waterways

DATE(S): 1996–98 VENUE: Queensland/New South

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; suspect named but never Wales, Australia VICTIMS: More than three

charged in those crimes was later imprisoned for a MO: Slayer of female hitchhikers

nonfatal abduction

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

AKA: Claremont Killer

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1996–98 VENUE: Claremont, Australia

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Apulia, Italy VICTIMS:

VICTIMS: Four

Seven

MO: Blond female prostitutes murdered and dumped MO: Elderly women stabbed in their homes

in the desert

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC-

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

extremist

DATE(S): 1996–98 VENUE: Columbus, Miss. VIC-

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: South Africa VICTIMS: 13+

TIMS: Five

MO: White farmers killed by roving black gang

MO: Elderly victims stabbed and strangled in their DISPOSITION: Unsolved

homes

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Dunbar, South Africa

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

VICTIMS: “Several”

DATE(S): 1996/1999 VENUE: Mass./Fla. VIC-

MO: Police report murder series; all details withheld TIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Women cut in half “with surgical precision” and left in dumpsters in Boston and Hollywood, Fla.; **Unknown**

lower half of Boston victim never found

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame a single killer Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Cape Town, South Africa

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: South Africa VIC-

VICTIMS: Two

TIMS: Five

MO: Barmaid and prostitute killed/mutilated at Devil’s MO: Six-year-old girls killed and mutilated in small Peak

towns south of Johannesburg; police blame a two-DISPOSITION: Unsolved

man serial-killing team

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Cape Town, South Africa

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Cornwall/Devon, En-

MO: Male vagrants bludgeoned with stones while gland VICTIMS: Two

sleeping

MO: Random stabber of females aged 14–42; four DISPOSITION: Unsolved

attacked, two fatally

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Mpumalanga district, South SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Africa VICTIMS: Two

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: New York City VIC-

MO: “Identical” rape-strangulation of women

TIMS: Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: White male college students aged 19–22

dumped in local rivers (two at the same Hudson **Unknown**

River site, five months apart); all were over 6’1”

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

tall, with brown hair and eyes; cause of death DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Rome/Florence, Italy VIC-undetermined

TIMS: Two

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Older, affluent gay males bludgeoned in their homes

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Hull, England VIC-

Unknown AKA: Butcher of Mons

TIMS: Four

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

MO: Three prostitutes strangled; one missing and preSex./Sad.

DATE(S): 1997 VENUE: Mons, Belgium VICTIMS:

sumed dead

Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Women dismembered, dumped along highways

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1997–99 VENUE: Broward County, Fla.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
VICTIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Toronto, Canada VIC-
MO: Women aged 30–44 beaten, strangled, and
TIMS: reports vary
dumped in public places
MO: Six+ victims shoved onto subway tracks; at least DISPOSITION: Unsolved
one survived
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1997–99 VENUE: Yorkshire, England
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
VICTIMS: Two
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Humberside, England
MO: Two women fatally stabbed; two others abducted VICTIMS: Three
while walking a dog, escaped with minor knife
MO: Female prostitutes killed; one dismembered wounds
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; supporters of defendant Derek Christian, convicted on thin evidence of a **Unknown**
similar murder from February 1995, blame one
SEX: 2 M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
killer for all three slayings

Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Cult?
DATE(S): 1997–99 VENUE: San Luis Obispo, Calif.
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Johannesburg, South
VICTIMS: Three
Africa VICTIMS: 16

MO: College co-eds missing, presumed murdered

MO: Children dead/missing in apparent ritual murders DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1997–2001 VENUE: Erie, Pa. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 1997–2001 VENUE: West Country, Scot-

Eight

land VICTIMS: Three

MO: Women aged 18–35 strangled with their own

MO: Police blame one offender for stabbing deaths of underwear and dumped at isolated sites

female victims aged 14–41, killed at Exeter (1997), DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Falmouth (1998), and Dundee (2001)

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1997–99 VENUE: Pittsburg, Calif. VIC-

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

TIMS: Four

DATE(S): 1997/2003 VENUE: Penn. VICTIMS:

MO: Female prostitutes killed, dumped beside major Three

highways

MO: 76-year-old woman found in basement of her DISPOSITION: Unsolved

home at Meadville, missing cervical vertebrae and internal organs; six years later, Philadelphia police **Unknown**

find woman and man, aged 64 and 60, with throats SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC-cut in separate incidents; male victim’s heart, lung extremist

and liver missing

DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Jerusalem, Israel VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Two
MO: Seven Arabs stabbed, two fatally; Jewish nation-Unknown
alist suspected
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1997–2003 VENUE: Long Island, N.Y.
Unknown
VICTIMS: Four
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.?
MO: Women left nude, with heads and hands severed; DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Irving/East Orange, N.J.
three victims found near Long Island Expressway, VICTIMS: Five
one in Hempstead Lake State Park
MO: Slayer of black women, mostly prostitutes; offi-DISPOSITION: Unsolved
cially unrelated to similar murders in Newark
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: T
MOTIVE:
Unknown
Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1997–2004 VENUE: La Crosse, Wis.
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Glasgow, Scotland
VICTIMS: Seven
VICTIMS: Seven
MO: White males aged 19–28 drowned in local rivers; MO: Slayer of female prostitutes; at least one bludgeoned one victim found with fractured skull
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: River Monster
Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC
DATE(S): 1997–98 VENUE: Transkei, South Africa DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Delmas, South Africa
VICTIMS: Seven
VICTIMS: Four
MO: Mutilation-murders; victims found in/near Mzint-MO: Children beheaded, various organs missing
lava River
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; Dr. MICKI PISTORIUS blames DISPOSITION: Unsolved
muti—magic trade in human organs

Unknown
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Albuquerque, N. Mex.
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC
VICTIMS: Five
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Banyuwangi, Java, Indone-
MO: Gay men murdered; speculative link to sixth case sia VICTIMS: 153
in Santa Fe
MO: Nocturnal home invaders target suspected witch-DISPOSITION: Unsolved
craft practitioners, slashing their throats and mutilating corpses
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Anchorage, Ark. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Six
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
MO: Slayer of women; one dead and five missing DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Philippines VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Seven
MO: Men beheaded and dumped in rural locations **Unknown**

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police suggest revenge
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
against alleged rapists
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Woolongong, Australia
VICTIMS: Two
Unknown
MO: Vigilante killer of convicted pedophiles; victims SEX: M RACE: H TYPE: S MOTIVE: Sex.
mutilated
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: São Paulo, Brazil VIC-
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Six
MO: Rape-murders of young women in the Heavenly **Unknown**
SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Garden, near São Paulo's zoo; a seventh victim who DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Budapest, Hungary VIC-survived was lured to the park by a man posing as a TIMS: Three
professional photographer
MO: Men shot at close range in random street attacks DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Nmadolo, South Africa
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: London, England VIC-
VICTIMS: Three
TIMS: Two
MO: Elderly women suspected of witchcraft, shot in MO: Women age 30 and 35 bound, shot execution-their homes
style
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Los Angeles County, Calif.
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Dallas, Tex. VICTIMS: Two VICTIMS: Three
MO: Truckers shot; attacks linked by police
MO: Freeway motorists shot in random attacks, two DISPOSITION: Unsolved
with same gun
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
Unknown
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Moscow, Russia VIC-
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
TIMS: 10
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind. VIC-
MO: Victims killed in carjackings; bodies found buried TIMS: Four
at a commercial garage
MO: Women age 29–40 found killed in same neighbor-DISPOSITION: Unsolved
hood
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown AKA: Devon Slasher
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Devon, England VIC-
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
TIMS: Two

MO: “Ripper” of female victims killed while walking **Unknown**
dogs
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Sydney, Australia VIC-
TIMS: Four
Unknown

MO: Homeless transients bludgeoned while sleeping SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1998 VENUE: Miami, Fla. VICTIMS:

Two

Unknown

MO: Gay men shot in their homes

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1998–2000 VENUE: Boise, Idaho VIC-

TIMS: Three

Unknown

MO: Rape-murders of Caucasian women in their 20s SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Charlotte, N.C. VIC-

TIMS: Five

Unknown

MO: Black women aged 24–39 murdered and missing SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1998–2000 VENUE: Barnaul, Siberia

VICTIMS: 10+

Unknown

MO: “Several” bodies of female victims discarded in SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

rural areas outside town; at least five college-age vic-DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Campbell County, Tenn.

tims remain missing; police blame a “maniac” active VICTIMS: Two

in the area “for several years”

MO: Female victims stabbed repeatedly, one also shot; DISPOSITION: Unsolved

bodies dumped along Stinking Creek Road

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame serial killer **Unknown**

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Perth, Australia VIC-

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

TIMS: Two

DATE(S); 1998–99 VENUE: Norfolk County, Mass.

MO: Female prostitutes missing, presumed dead

VICTIMS: Three

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; task force officers deny any MO: Two women and one man aged 58–82 beaten and link to the murders of four prostitutes in suburban stabbed in separate attacks, in parks and wooded Claremont during the period 1996–98

areas of Walpole, Wellesley, and Westwood; all attacked in morning hours

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; suspect in one case released SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

when DNA failed to match saliva from bite mark on DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: New Orleans, La.

a female victim’s breast

VICTIMS: Eight

MO: Black males in teens and 20s strangled and left **Unknown**

barefoot in garbage bins or beside roads; two vic-SEX: M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

tims were neighbors; all were involved with drugs DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Lusaka, Zambia VIC-DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: 30–70

MO: Farm residents hacked to death with axes and **Unknown**

hoes; victims include the deputy speaker of the SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

National Assembly and his wife

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Pietermaritzburg, South DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Africa VICTIMS: Six

MO: Police blame one man for rape-murders of local **Unknown**

women

SEX: Unk. RACE; Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Rapid City, S. Dak.

VICTIMS: Eight

Unknown
MO: Homeless men drowned
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
alleged

DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Sundra, South Africa
MO: Women raped, bound, stabbed, and dumped
VICTIMS: Four
beside highways
MO: Children decapitated over seven months; four DISPOSITION: Unsolved
skulls, and three bodies found
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame *muti* practi-Unknown
tioners
SEX: M RACE: A TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Los Angeles, Calif. VIC-
Unknown AKA: “Jack the Butcher”
TIMS: Three
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.
MO: Asian male in early 20s shot eight victims, killing DATE(S): 1998–2000 VENUE: Belize VICTIMS:
three, in two different auto accessory stores, in June Eight
and August 1999; nothing stolen in either case MO: Rape-mutilation murders of girls aged 9–15; a DISPOSITION: Unsolved
ninth victim survived in 1999; arrest of a suspect in the third case failed to stop the killings
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Flint, Mich. VICTIMS:
Unknown
Seven
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
MO: Rape-murders of black female prostitutes
DATE(S): 1998–2000 VENUE: Accra, Ghana VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: 25
MO: Rape-murders of women; bodies left nude and **Unknown**
supine
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Anniston, Ala. VICTIMS:
Five
Unknown
MO: Three women and two men killed; three victims SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
shot by home invaders; two dumped outdoors (one DATE(S): 1998/2003 VENUE: Anne Arundel County, shot, one bludgeoned)
Md. VICTIMS: Two
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: DNA evidence links murders of females aged 37
and 14, killed five years apart at Odenton and **Unknown**
Millersville; one victim raped and stabbed
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Brisbane, Australia VIC-
TIMS: Four
Unknown
MO: Four females missing over four months, ages nine SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
to adult
DATE(S): 1998–99 VENUE: Rockhampton, Australia DISPOSITION: Unsolved
VICTIMS: Four
MO: Female victims aged 9–39, missing and presumed **Unknown**
dead in four cases
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Sex./Sad.
DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Bangkok, Thailand VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Four

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

MO: Women murdered; three found wrapped in plastic DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Buffalo, N.Y. VICTIMS:

bags, one in river; police blame “foreign serial killer”

Two

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Female prostitutes aged 32 and 39 stabbed and strangled on consecutive February days in the same **Unknown**

West Side neighborhood

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Kent, England VICTIMS:

Three

Unknown

MO: Police link the double murder of a man and SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

woman, killed with a shotgun in their Kemsing

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Itabuna, Brazil VICTIMS:

home, to the earlier slaying of a man in Durham Four

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

missing, and one survivor; police see possible link to SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

two similar murders on Oahu in 1999

DATE(S): 1999 VENUE: Bahia State, Brazil VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Four

MO: Women aged 19–36 bound, raped, stabbed

Unknown

repeatedly

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Washington, D.C.

VICTIMS: Two

Unknown

MO: Five taxi drivers shot in robberies, two fatally SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Calif./Nev. VIC-

TIMS: Two

Unknown

MO: Seven-year-old girls murdered in Vallejo, Calif., SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

and Las Vegas, Nev.; eight-year-old girl escaped kid-DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Baton Rouge, La.

napper in Vallejo, Aug. 2000

VICTIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Black prostitutes murdered, bodies discarded in public places.

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Baton Rouge, La.

Unknown

VICTIMS: Five

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: PC

MO: Black women aged 33–44 killed and dumped

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Evry, France VIC-

TIMS: 20–40

around town; police withhold cause of death

MO: “Suspicious” deaths at a medical clinic, described DISPOSITION: Unsolved; suspect charged in a sixth by officials in April 2001 as “killing for convenience similar case reportedly cleared in the other five by overworked staff”

DISPOSITION: No suspects publicly identified

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC

Unknown

alleged

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: London, England

DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Lipetsk, Russia

VICTIMS: Two
VICTIMS: 14
MO: Black men from the same family hanged in
MO: Women raped, beaten, and stabbed, bodies
apparent suicides, later deemed racist murders; dumped in nearby forest
both had been harassed by the neo-Nazi group
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Combat 18
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
Unknown
DATE(S): 1999–2001 VENUE: Moscow, Russia
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
VICTIMS: Eight
DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: London, England
MO: Gay men stabbed repeatedly; victims include four VICTIMS: Three
Russians and four tourists
MO: Police blame one offender for the disappearance DISPOSITION: Unsolved
of three women aged 19–27 apparently snatched
from the street during an 18-month period; one vic-Unknown AKA: River Man
tim was Vietnamese, one Nigerian, and one Polish SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 1999–2001 VENUE: Newlands East, South Africa VICTIMS: 13
Unknown
MO: Rape-murders of women, all dumped in the Umh-SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
langeni River
DATE(S): 1999–2000 VENUE: Hawaii VICTIMS:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Three to five
MO: White females aged 38–52 raped and stabbed **Unknown**

repeatedly on Kaua’i; victims include two dead, one SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 1999–2002 VENUE: Lawton, Okla. VIC-

Unknown

TIMS: Four

SEX: Unk.

RACE: Unk.

TYPE: T

MOTIVE:

MO: Women aged 25–29 killed and dumped in creeks Unk.

or ditches

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Granite City, Ill. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Two

MO: 21-year-old woman and 46-year-old man found **Unknown**

dead in same approximate location over a two-day SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

span in August; both classified as homicides with DATE(S): 1999–2003 VENUE: Dade County, Fla.

undetermined cause of death

VICTIMS: 13

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Murders of female prostitutes aged 21–35

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

Unknown

Sex./Sad.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Budapest, Hungary VIC-

DATE(S): 1999–2004 VENUE:

TIMS: Four

Ark./La./Miss./Okla./Tenn./Tex. VICTIMS: 10

MO: Middle-aged prostitutes stabbed

MO: Truckstop prostitutes murdered and dumped

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

along interstate highways

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Baton Rouge, La. VIC-

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

TIMS: Six

DATE(S): 1999–2004 VENUE: Lubbock, Tex. VIC-

MO: Rape-murders of six women in three months; at TIMS: Three least three victims were prostitutes

MO: Female prostitutes fatally beaten; two were DISPOSITION: Unsolved

friends and former roommates

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Baia Mare, Romania VIC-

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.

TIMS: Seven

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Ashfield, Australia VIC-

MO: Homeless transients killed during July and TIMS: 16 suspected August; six bludgeoned, one drowned

MO: “Baffling” deaths of 16 patients at Allara Nursing DISPOSITION: Suspect Grigore Bota reportedly con-Home in two months

fessed two murders in Aug. 2000; disposition of case DISPOSITION: Unsolved; coroner’s report in May unknown

2003 found “no explanation”

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Cape Town, South Africa

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Atlanta, Ga. VICTIMS:

VICTIMS: Six

Four

MO: Five children murdered and one missing in the MO: Victims shot with same gun along Martin Luther Cape Flats district within a month; two girls disKing, Jr., Drive during summer months

membered

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: West Philadelphia, Pa.

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Denver, Colo. VICTIMS:

VICTIMS: Five

Seven

MO: Victims of both genders killed and burned in one MO: Homeless men beaten to death in Lower Down-neighborhood during a five-month period

town district

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

MO: Rape-murders of black women aged 30–40

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Sex.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Norway/Sweden VIC-

TIMS: Three

Unknown AKA: The Ripper

MO: Two girls aged eight and 10 stabbed to death at a SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

lake near Kristiansand, Norway, with evidence of Sex./Sad.

molestation; three knives found at scene; one week DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: San José, Costa Rica

later, a similar attack on several girls at Orrefors, VICTIMS: Two

Sweden, killed one

MO: Teenage female prostitutes dismembered, dumped DISPOSITION: Unsolved

in or near the Agres River

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; considered unrelated to “EL

Unknown

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SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC/CE

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS:

Unknown

Six

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

MO: Immigrant convenience store clerks robbed/shot DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: Broward and Dade

in apparent hate crimes; victims included two Indi-Counties, Fla. VICTIMS: Four

ans, two Pakistanis, two Lebanese, and two Viet-MO: Female prostitutes found nude in luggage left namese

beside highways or canals

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Nairobi, Kenya VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: East St. Louis, Ill.

Three

VICTIMS: 13

MO: Girls, aged 6–10, kidnapped and killed in local MO: Black female prostitutes and addicts murdered, slum neighborhood; rumors (denounced by United several covered with plastic trash bags

Nations) claim 30–50 victims in 12 months; lynch DISPOSITION: Unsolved

mobs killed three suspects in October 2000

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; true number of victims

Unknown

uncertain

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 2000–01 VENUE: Dade County, Fla.

Unknown

VICTIMS: Two or three

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

MO: Two female prostitutes stabbed repeatedly and DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS: 2

dumped in local waterways; a third prostitute stran-MO: Two victims named Mary Morris killed three days gled and left on land may be linked

apart; both left in their cars, parked at isolated sites DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame “a clumsy hit man”

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 2000–02 VENUE: Norwich, England

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: S MOTIVE: Unk.

VICTIMS: Four

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Mbabane, Swaziland VIC-

MO: Three female prostitutes strangled, one missing TIMS: Five

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

MO: Corpses found buries at an abandoned homestead in July; three identified as an Indian businessman **Unknown**

and his children, missing for a month; police call it SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

the work of a serial killer

Sex./Sad.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 2000–04 VENUE: Chihuahua City, Mexico VICTIMS: 16

Unknown

MO: Ten teenage females raped and strangled, with at SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

least six others missing

DATE(S): 2000 VENUE: Durban, South Africa

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; some observers suspect a VICTIMS: Five

link to ongoing murders in CIUDAD JU ÁREZ

Appendix C: Unresolved Cases

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 2000–04 VENUE: Peoria, Ill. VICTIMS:

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Lombata, Swaziland VIC-

Six

TIMS: 24–33

MO: Rape-slayer of black female prostitutes

MO: Women and children found in shallow graves out-DISPOSITION: Unsolved

side town; official reports differ on the total number of victims

Unknown AKA: Blanco

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T/N MOTIVE:

PC/Sex.

Unknown

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Guatemala City, Guatemala SEX: Unk.

RACE: Unk.

TYPE: N

MOTIVE:

VICTIMS: Five to seven

GC?

MO: Prostitutes smothered with sheets of plastic; mes-DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: India VICTIMS: 586

sages written on bodies claim seven dead and

MO: Two caches of skeletal remains found in June and describe the killer’s “pact with Lucifer”

July include 500 skulls and other bones at an aban-DISPOSITION: Unsolved; some officials suspect the doned house in Calcutta, with 86 skulls found in same UNSUB of one killing in El Salvador; police in Siliguri, 375 miles farther north

Los Angeles deny published reports of two similar DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame Tantric ritual murders there

practitioners

Unknown

Unknown AKA: Anthrax Killer
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: GC
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
suspected
DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Eastern United States VIC-DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Honduras VICTIMS: Six
TIMS: Five
MO: Young boys abducted from rural towns, one
MO: Anthrax spores mailed to various targets along found beheaded; police blame a gang, "Los
the Eastern Seaboard between Oct. 4 and Nov. 21, Rockeros," alleged to practice Satanism
2001; 46 persons infected, five fatally
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Pierce County, Wash. VIC-
TIMS: Two
Sex./Sad.
MO: Women aged 73 and 77 fatally beaten in their DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Boston, Mass. VIC-homes, one month apart
TIMS: Two
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: "Similar" murders of prostitutes aged 17 and 19
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
Unknown
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
Unknown
DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: Durban, South Africa
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.
VICTIMS: Seven
DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Boston, Mass. VIC-
MO: Skeletal remains of six women in their 30s and TIMS: Two

one infant found in sugarcane fields; some bodies MO: Teenage female prostitutes, throats slashed burned

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

Sex./Sad.

Sex./Sad.

DATE(S): 2001–02 VENUE: Moscow, Russia VIC-

DATE(S): 2001 VENUE: London, England VIC-

TIMS 12+

TIMS: Two

MO: Official reports from November 2002 mention MO: Female prostitutes aged 24 and 31 dismembered

"at least a dozen" women murdered, either stran-and dumped in rivers

gled or with throats slashed

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Southern Florida VIC-

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Four

assumed

MO: Decomposed bodies found in coastal waters near DATE(S): 2001–03 VENUE: Worcester, Mass. VIC-Key Largo and Palm Beach County, with no evi-

TIMS: Three

dence of boat mishaps; all unidentified

MO: Kidnap-murders of petite female Hispanic prosti-DISPOSITION: Unsolved

tutes, dumped along I-290; two victims were

acquainted from a drug rehab program

Unknown

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Ahmedabad, India

Unknown

VICTIMS: 35–40

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Street children murdered and missing; some vic-DATE(S): 2001/2004 VENUE: Port Elizabeth, South tims last seen entering a white van at the town's rail-Africa VICTIMS: Four

road depot

MO: Four black women strangled in 2001, one in DISPOSITION: Unsolved

April 2004; at least four were known prostitutes DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame a serial killer **Unknown**

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 2002–03 VENUE: Phoenix, Ariz. VIC-

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

TIMS: Six

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Houston, Tex. VICTIMS:

MO: Women aged 32–46 killed and dumped in

Three

Garfield neighborhood; all but one found nude; four MO: DNA links rape-murders of Hispanic females, with evidence of drugs

aged 15–38, in the same East End neighborhood

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: 2 M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE-

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

felony

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Botshabelo, South Africa

DATE(S): 2002–04 VENUE: Ngong, Kenya VIC-

VICTIMS: Three

TIMS: 20

MO: Young boys strangled, dumped at different sites in same general area; all last seen with tall, thin man MO: Victims shot in nocturnal armed robberies; police with dark complexion

blame a two-man team for the crimes

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Minn./Wisc. VICTIMS: Four DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: White River, South Africa MO: College students aged 20–22 missing from four sep-VICTIMS: Two

arate towns during October and November; victims MO: Girls aged 12 and 15 found beside a local rail-include three men and one woman; all still missing road line two days apart, in January; throats cut DISPOSITION: Unsolved

with “the same instrument”

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

Unknown

DATE(S): 2002 VENUE: Maricopa County, Ariz.

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

VICTIMS: Eight

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Jacksonville, Fla. VIC-

MO: Male Mexican migrants handcuffed and shot exe-TIMS: Two

cution style in serial attacks, March to October; MO: Teenage females vanished 10 days apart in Janu-bodies left exposed in the desert

ary; found together at a construction site on Feb. 5

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

SEX: M RACE: W TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE

Appendix C: Unresolved Cases

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Samara, Russia VICTIMS:

Unknown

15

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

MO: Women aged 35–50 bludgeoned and robbed of

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Moscow, Russia VIC-

their handbags; two victims survived, describing a TIMS: 12

long-faced man with a black hat

MO: Women beaten and strangled during July, left DISPOSITION: Unsolved

nude in a north-side neighborhood; several sexually assaulted without actual rape; no robberies

Unknown AKA: Saturday Slayers

DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police deem the 30-day rash SEX: 2 M RACE: B TYPE: T MOTIVE: PC

of identical slayings “coincidental”

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Brooklyn, N.Y. VICTIMS:

Five

Unknown

MO: Male victims shot execution-style in public places; SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

police call the crimes “thrill killings” with robbery DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Edmonton, Canada VIC-

“as an afterthought”; all but one crime committed TIMS: Two

on Saturday

MO: Prostitutes murdered one week apart

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

Unknown

Unknown

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex./Sad.

PC/CE

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Guatemala City, Guatemala DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Lahore, Pakistan VIC-VICTIMS: 10

TIMS: Six

MO: Young girls tortured to death; two bodies left together in each case

MO: “Identical” bludgeon murders of male victims DISPOSITION: Unsolved

sleeping outside, attacked between 2 and 3 A.M., with petty robbery in some cases. Victims include **Unknown**

night watchmen, vendors, and truckers, killed

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

within a one-mile radius on Ravi Road

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Marlboro, England VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Two

MO: Skeletal remains of two adults (one female) found **Unknown**

at a boarding school within a week; date and cause SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

of death undetermined

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Charleston, W. Va. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Three

MO: Sniper slayings of two men and one woman aged **Unknown**

26–34 in public places; same weapon used in all SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:

three crimes

PC/CE

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: New York City VICTIMS:

“At least five”

Unknown

MO: Arab merchants shot in bodega robberies; police SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

blame at least three crimes on one killer

DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Anchorage, Ak. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Two

MO: Torsos of women washed ashore in June and

Unknown

November; one victim identified

SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved
DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Galfingue Forest, France
VICTIMS: Four
Unknown
MO: Newborn infants found dead in trash bags
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE:
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
CE/PC
DATE(S): 2003 VENUE: Indianapolis, Ind. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Two
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: CE
MO: Immigrant grocers robbed/shot, a week apart DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Mexico City, Mexico
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
VICTIMS: Three
487

MO: Elderly women robbed, strangled in their homes DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Muridke, Pakistan VIC-DISPOSITION: Unsolved
TIMS: Three
MO: Children aged five to eight stabbed repeatedly; a **Unknown**
fourth victim survived
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: N MOTIVE: Unk.
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; police blame black-magic DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Ariz./Calif. VICTIMS:
practitioners
Four
MO: Camping couples shot execution-style in their **Unknown**
sleeping bags, with no signs of robbery or struggle; SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
first murder at Bumble Bee, Ariz. (Oct. 2003); sec-DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Bronx, N.Y. VICTIMS:
ond crime in Sonoma County, Calif. (Aug. 2004) Two
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Hispanic women in their 30s stripped and strangled in abandoned buildings

Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.
DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Worcester, Mass. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Four
SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC
MO: Rape-murders of petite Hispanic prostitutes, all alleged
drug addicts; bodies dumped in wooded areas, one DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Marowa, Zimbabwe VICin Maine
TIMS: “Several”
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Mutilation-murders of young children, with some victims raped
Unknown
DISPOSITION: Unsolved; locals blame black-magic SEX: M RACE: Undisclosed TYPE: T MOTIVE:
practitioners
Sex.
DATES: 2003–04 VENUE: Baltimore, Md. VIC-
Unknown
TIMS: Three
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: T
MOTIVE:
MO: Rapist of female prostitutes; attacked 15 victims, Unk.
killing three aged 19–32; slain victims beaten and DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Kansas City, Mo. VIC-strangled
TIMS: Six
DISPOSITION: Unsolved
MO: Black women aged 25–45 killed in the same
neighborhood, cause of death undisclosed; police **Unknown** AKA: Little Old Lady Killer
blame one offender for all six cases
SEX: Unk.
RACE: Unk.
TYPE: T

MOTIVE:

DISPOSITION: Suspect Terry Blair, charged in one Unk.

case, previously served 21 years for the 1983 murder DATE(S): 2003–04 VENUE: Mexico City VIC-of his pregnant ex-girlfriend; trial pending

TIMS: 18

MO: Women aged 65–80 beaten and strangled in their **Unknown**

homes, with no signs of forced entry to houses SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: London, England VIC-

TIMS: Two

Unknown

MO: Hammer attacks on five women, killing two on SEX: M RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Sex.

public streets

DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Philadelphia, Pa. VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Three

MO: Females “known to police” aged 24–31 strangled **Unknown**

and left nude, two bodies in trash bins, during Janu-SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: Unk.

ary and February

DATE(S): 2004 VENUE: Caracas, Venezuela VIC-

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

TIMS: Nine

MO: Homeless victims, including eight men and one **Unknown**

woman, beaten to death with large stones as they SEX: Unk. RACE: Unk. TYPE: T MOTIVE: GC

slept

alleged

DISPOSITION: Unsolved

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